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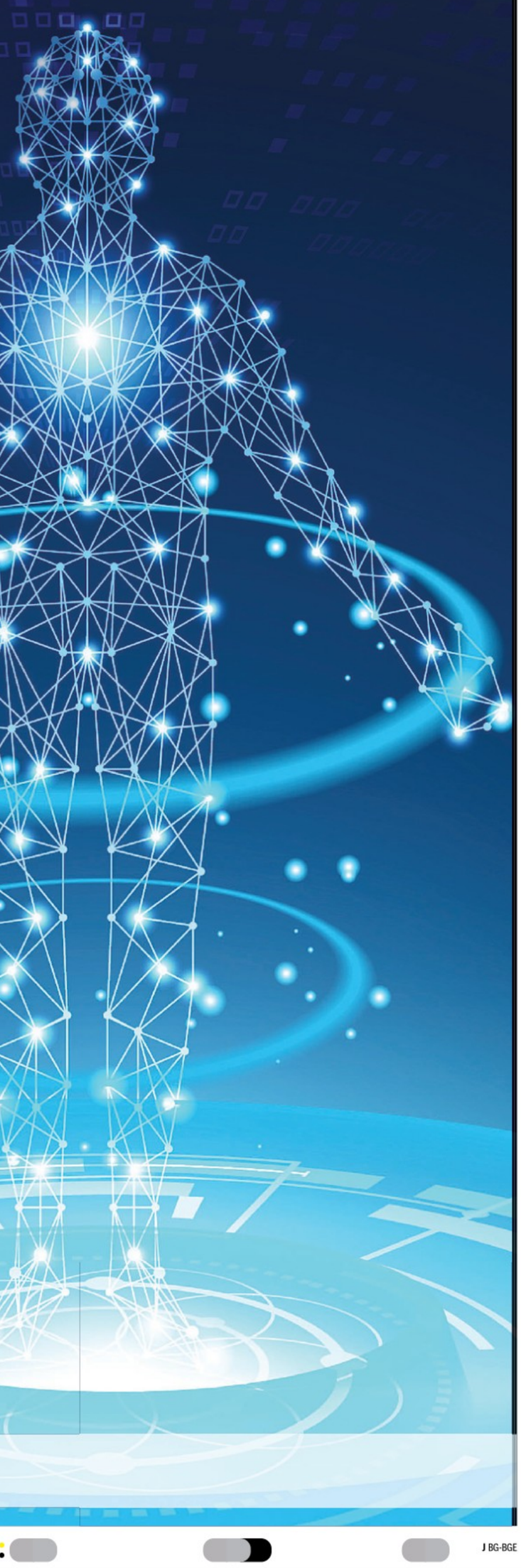

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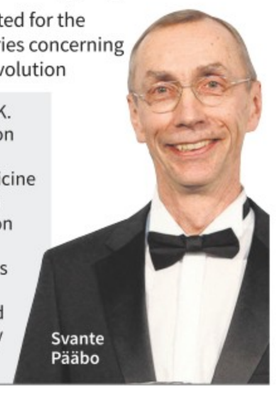
Understanding evolution through genomes

Swedish scientist Svante Pääbo has been selected for the 2022 Nobel Prize for Physiology for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution

- Svante Pääbo, 67, sequenced the genome of the Neanderthal, an extinct relative of present-day humans
- Due to his discoveries we now understand that archaic gene sequences from our extinct relatives influence the physiology of present-day humans
- His father, Sune K. Bergström, also won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1982, along with Bengt I. Samuelsson and John R. Vane, for their discoveries concerning prostaglandins and related biologically active substances


Svante Pääbo

Swedish scientist gets medicine Nobel for work on human evolution

Associated Press
STOCKHOLM

Swedish scientist Svante Paabo won the Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for his discoveries on human evolution that provided key insights into our immune system and what makes us unique compared with our extinct cousins, the award's panel said.

Mr. Paabo has spearheaded the development of new techniques that allowed researchers to compare the genome of modern humans and that of other hominins – the Neanderthals and Denisovans. While Neanderthal bones were first discovered in the mid-19th century, only by unlocking their DNA – often referred to as the code of life – have scientists been able to fully understand the links between species.

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Neither Kharge nor Tharoor has party endorsement: Cong.

In a bid to ensure neutrality, the Central Election Authority issues code of conduct; office-bearers barred from campaigning for either candidate

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

In an effort to ensure neutrality in the Congress presidential poll on October 17, the party's Central Election Authority (CEA) on Monday issued a code of conduct that barred office-bearers from campaigning for any candidate.

The note, issued by CEA Chairman Madhusudan Mistry, stated that Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor are contesting the Congress president's election in "their personal capacity and the delegates are free to elect any one of them, as per their choice, through ballot paper".

On their own: The advisory says Mallikarjun Kharge, left, and Shashi Tharoor are contesting in their personal capacity. FILE PHOTO

"Utmost care must be taken to ensure that there is no *mala fide* campaign against any candidate. The sensitivity of the election process must be upheld at any cost," read one of the seven guidelines issued by Mr. Mistry.

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Prices of flowers, fruits shoot up

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With the festival of Mahanavami and Vijayadashami here, prices of flowers as well as fruits have touched the roof.

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Sonia reaches Mysuru; to take part in Bharat Jodo Yatra on October 6

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Congress president Sonia Gandhi arrived in Mysuru on Monday and she is scheduled to participate in the Bharat Jodo Yatra on October 6.

Ms. Gandhi will spend two days at a resort in Kabini, near Mysuru, before participating in the yatra, which will resume on Thursday after a two-day Dasara break from Tuesday. Congress leader M. Mallikarjun Kharge too will join Ms. Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi when the padayatra resumes after the break.

Ms. Gandhi was received at the Mysuru airport by KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal and a host of party leaders.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on arrival at Mysuru Airport on Monday. KPCC chief D.K. Shivakumar is seen. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking to reporters later, Mr. Siddaramaiah said Ms. Gandhi was scheduled to spend two days at a resort in Kodagu, but the destination was changed as the weather was not suitable for her travel by helicopter.

"She was supposed to go to Kodagu. But owing to weather conditions that were not suitable for travel by helicopter, she is going to Kabini now," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shivakumar, while speaking to reporters at the airport, said he, Mr. Siddaramaiah and former Mandya MP N. Cheluvarayaswamy had requested the party leadership to give the Bharat Jodo Yatra a two-day break in view of Ayudha Pooja and Vijayadashami. Instead of returning to Delhi, Mr. Rahul Gandhi will spend time with his family members, he said. Asked if Priyanka Gandhi Vadra would also join them, Mr. Shivakumar said the date of her participation had not yet been finalised.

The padayatra, which left Mysuru on Monday morning, concluded at Pandavapura in neighbouring Mandya district. The march will resume from Pandavapura on Thursday. Mr. Shivakumar also appealed to party leaders and workers not to disturb Ms. Gandhi when she is resting for the next two days. He also requested them not to garland her.

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CET counselling to be held from October 7

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first round of counselling for rank-holders of the Common Entrance Test (CET) will be held from Friday.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has released the tentative schedule for verification of documents, downloading of verification slip, entry of option, mock allotment and real seat allotment for Engineering, Architecture, Farm Sciences (Agriculture, Veterinary etc.,) courses for the academic year of 2022-23.

24,074 students who passed II PU in 2021 had written CET in 2022

The KEA had announced the revised CET rank list as per the High Court's decision on Saturday. As many as 24,074 students who had passed II PU in 2021 had written CET in 2022.

As per the court's direction, 6% marks scored by these students in II PU have been deducted in the first step.

In the next step, 50% of the marks obtained in PU and 50% of the marks secured in CET was considered while preparing the revised list.

The KEA had also included 2,281 spot ranks for CBSE and ICSE freshers and 414 students who passed II PU supplementary exams in the revised rank list.

The following is the counselling process schedule: Document verification will be held from October 7 to 8 at the KEA, head office, Bengaluru; downloading of verification slip from KEA website is from October 7 to 10; display of seat matrix and fee structure on the KEA website is on October 7 at 2 p.m.; option entry by eligible candidates is from October 7 to 11; publication of mock allotment result is on October 13, after 2 p.m.; provision to change options, if any by candidates is from October 13 to 15; publication of real seat allotment result is on October 17, after 2 p.m.; exercise of choices by the candidates allotted seat in the first round is from October 18 to 20; payment of fees and downloading admission order (Only by choice-1 candidates) is from October 19 to 21; last date for reporting to the colleges by choice-1 candidates on October 22, before 5.30 p.m.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Railway stations to get revamped with modern amenities

200 The number of railway stations across India to be revamped with modern amenities, according to Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The Minister said that overhead spaces would be created in stations which would have world-class facilities including waiting lounges and food courts, besides amusement facilities for children. PTI

Durga Puja creates revenue and jobs across India

3 In lakh, the number of employment opportunities created during Durga Puja in West Bengal, with the grand affair involving transactions of at least ₹40,000 crore, according to stakeholders. With more than 40,000 community pujas happening across the State, including 3,000 in Kolkata, the festival creates a scurry of economic activity for three-four months every year. PTI

Palestinians held in administrative detention in Israel

800 The number of Palestinians held captive by Israel, without trial or charge, the highest since 2008, according to Isreali rights group HaMoked. The group said that 798 Palestinians are currently being held in so-called administrative detention, a practice where prisoners can be held for months. AP

Turkey's inflation rises to its highest level in over two decades

83.45 The % that Turkey's annual inflation hit in September, the highest the country's inflation has been in 24 years, pushing the cost of essential goods higher and further hitting households already facing high energy and food costs. The Turkish Statistical Institute said consumer prices rose by 3.08% from the previous month. AP

Pakistan faces looming food crisis, as it recovers from floods

5.7 In million, the number of people in Pakistan who will face a serious food crisis in the next three months, following the recent devastating floods, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in its latest report. Even before the floods, 16% of the population was living in moderate or severe food insecurity. AP

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The Mediation Bill, 2021

What are the changes which the Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended to the draft Bill introduced in the Rajya Sabha last year? Will pre-litigation mediation be mandatory for all disputes before filing a suit in court?

EXPLAINER

G. S. Bajpai
Vikram Karuna

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The story so far:

The Mediation Bill, 2021 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on December 20, 2021, with the Parliamentary Standing Committee being tasked with a review of the Bill. The committee's report to the Rajya Sabha was submitted on July 13, 2022. In its report, the Committee recommends substantial changes to the Mediation Bill, aimed at institutionalising mediation and establishing the Mediation Council of India.

Why does India need to promote mediation?

While there is no standalone legislation for mediation in India, there are several statutes containing mediation provisions, such as the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the Companies Act, 2013, the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, and the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee of the Supreme Court of India describes mediation as a tried and tested alternative for conflict resolution. As India is a signatory to the Singapore Convention on Mediation (formally the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation), it is appropriate to enact a law governing domestic and international mediation.

What are the key features of the Bill?

The Bill aims to promote, encourage, and facilitate mediation, especially institutional mediation, to resolve disputes, commercial and otherwise.

The Bill further proposes mandatory mediation before litigation. At the same time, it safeguards the rights of litigants to approach competent adjudicatory forums/courts for urgent relief. The mediation process will be confidential and immunity is provided against its disclosure in certain cases. The outcome of the mediation process in the form of a Mediation Settlement Agreement (MSA) will be legally enforceable and can be registered with the State/district/taluk legal authorities within 90 days to ensure authenticated records of the settlement. The Bill establishes the Mediation Council of India and also provides for community mediation.

What are the concerns with the Bill?

According to the Bill, pre-litigation mediation is mandatory for both parties before filing any suit or proceeding in a court, whether or not there is a mediation agreement between them. Parties who fail to attend pre-litigation mediation without a reasonable reason may incur a cost. However, as per Article 21 of the Constitution, access to justice is a constitutional right which cannot be fettered or restricted. Mediation should just be voluntary and making it otherwise would amount to denial of justice. Additionally, according to Clause 26 of the Bill, court-annexed mediation, including pre-litigation mediation, will be conducted in accordance with the directions or rules framed by the Supreme Court or High Courts. However, the Committee objected to this. It stated that Clause 26 went against the spirit of the Constitution. In countries that follow the Common Law system, it is a healthy tradition that in the absence of statutes, apex court judgments and decisions carry the same weight. The moment a law is passed however, it becomes the guiding force rather than the instructions or judgments given by the courts. Therefore, Clause 26 is unconstitutional.

Furthermore, the Bill considers international mediation to be domestic when it is conducted in India with the settlement being recognised as a judgment or decree of a court. The Singapore Convention does not apply to settlements that already have the status of judgments or decrees. As a result, conducting cross-border mediation in India will exclude the tremendous benefits of worldwide enforceability.

What next?

In order to enable a faster resolution of disputes, the Bill should be implemented after discussion with stakeholders. If the issues of the Bill aren't fixed, our aspirations to become an international mediation hub for easy business transactions could be crushed before they've even begun.

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What are the changes in the UAE's immigration rules?

Has the United Arab Emirates introduced entry visas that do not require a host or sponsor for visitors? What are the amendments to the procedure for the green residence visa and the much-coveted golden visa?

Biju Govind

The story so far:

The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security began the trial run of the Advanced Visa System on September 6. It was first announced by the UAE Cabinet – led by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai in April.

What are the changes?

The changes in the UAE visa rules can be broadly classified into three categories – entry visa, green visa and golden visa. For the first time, the UAE has introduced entry visas that do not require a host or sponsor for visitors. All entry visas will now be available for single or multiple entries and will be valid for 60 days unlike the previous 30-day period. In 2020, golden visas were introduced, designed to enable exceptionally skilled foreigners to live, work and study in the UAE without the need for a national sponsor, according to *Emirates News Agency*.

What are the different types of visas?

A job exploration visa will be granted if the applicant is classified in the first, second or third skill level as per the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation, or is a fresh graduate of the best 500 universities in the world, or has a minimum educational level of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent. Another kind of job visa includes the entry permit visa which allows employers to sponsor visitors for temporary work assignments on projects. Universities can also sponsor visitors for attending training and study courses.

A business entry visa allows investors and entrepreneurs to explore business and investment opportunities in the UAE.

For tourists, besides a regular tourist visa, a five-year multi-entry tourist visa enables them to enter multiple times on self-sponsorship and remain in the country for 90 days on each visit, which can be extended for another 90 days. However, the applicant has to submit proof of having a bank balance of $4,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies for the last six months. A family visa allows parents to sponsor their male children till the age of 25, up from 18, while an entry permit to visit relatives allows a visitor to enter the country if they are a relative or a friend of a UAE citizen/resident.

What are the changes to the green residence and golden visas?

The new five-year green residence visa is aimed at attracting exceptional talent, skilled professionals, freelancers, investors, and entrepreneurs. It replaces the previous residence visa that was valid only for two years. Besides, a grace period of up to six months to stay in the country has been introduced after the residence permit is cancelled or expired.

Few amendments have been made to the golden visa scheme allowing more categories of people to secure the coveted 10-year visa. Scientists, skilled workers, exceptional talent, real estate investors, entrepreneurs, students, humanitarian pioneers, doctors and nurses have also been included in the list. Skilled professionals can get the long-term residency, if they have a minimum monthly salary requirement of AED 30,000 a month. Investors can also get the visa when purchasing a property worth at least AED two million.

How will Indians benefit?

The Indian expatriate community of approximately 3.5 million constitutes about 30% of the UAE population. The restructuring of its entry and residence system will further boost the country's image as an ideal destination for work and investment. Thousands of talented professionals are expected to find employment in the UAE and tourists can now experience a hassle-free vacation with the simplified visa system.

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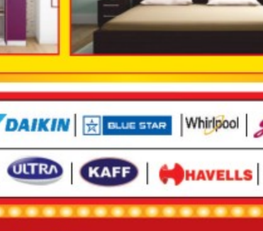

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The evolution of the Mahatma's thought and philosophy

Gandhi's rejection of the caste system and of discrimination against women became sharper over the years. It is possible however, that he continued to cherish nostalgia for a rural India, as envisioned in the Hind Swaraj

Irfan Habib

As yet another Gandhi Jayanthi goes by, Irfan Habib in this article dated October 1, 2019 remembers the father of the nation and his developing ideals and principles

In reverence: President Droupadi Murmu pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on October 3. PTI

The reader need not be reminded that it was in South Africa that Gandhi perfected the mode of Passive Resistance, which he later called "satyagraha", to defend the interests of the Indian community in South Africa. During this period he was greatly influenced by the writings of Leo Tolstoy and John Ruskin: from the former he derived mainly his hatred of violence and consumerism, and from the latter, respect for labour and concern for the poor. But he took their critiques to apply to the Western industrial society alone, and held that old Indian society was free of the evils the West suffered from. This basic thesis was advanced in his Hind Swaraj, composed in 1909.

The evils of western societies which India on obtaining Swaraj was to abstain from, as listed in this text, are startling: Electoral democracy was one such evil, for Parliaments were "really emblems of slavery". Women were to have no employment outside the home: otherwise there would arise evils such as the suffragette movement in the West (demanding women's right to vote). Above all, modern industry based on machinery was to be shunned. There were some faults in existing Indian society that he conceded, such as child marriage and polyandry, but no mention is made of polygamy or untouchability. The caste system is indirectly praised for having barred market competition by assigning a fixed occupation to everyone. It is proclaimed that India was being ruined by the three evils brought by the British, viz. railways, lawyers and doctors. He goes on even to say that rather than build cotton mills in India, India should continue to buy from Manchester! There was no need for compulsory education; "religious education" imparted by "Mullas, [Parsi] Dasturs and Brahmans" was enough.

On the poor

It is remarkable that while Gandhi shows so much concern for the poor, he does not present any proposal in Hind Swaraj for the removal or alleviation of poverty itself. This is, perhaps, mainly because of his belief, unexpressed here but firmly held, in the sanctity of rights of property. As for political action for people to obtain what they legitimately wanted, 'passive resistance' was to be the means, to be undertaken, but only by those who "observe perfect chastity, adopt poverty, follow truth, cultivate fearlessness". No further guidance on how India under Swaraj was to be governed is provided. The only modern notion adopted is that of 'nation', which, as in the rest of the world, says Gandhi, is not to be identified with any one religion.

When Gandhi arrived in India early in 1915, these were his views, despite a reprimand over them from his chosen guru, Gopal Krishna Gokhale (d.1915), who had visited South Africa in 1912. Yet there proved in time to be a teacher for Gandhi, far severer than Gokhale, namely, the Indian poor themselves, for they too had ideas for their own salvation quite different from what Gandhi had chosen to prescribe for them in Hind Swaraj .

The very first issue he encountered in India was that of untouchability, a matter ignored in Hind Swaraj . Immediately after he established his ashram at Ahmedabad in 1915 a crisis erupted when he admitted to it an 'untouchable' couple. But he withstood it, the couple stayed; and henceforth on this matter Gandhi would give no concession. If he yet went on affirming his faith in varnashram, this was done more or less to keep peace with the bulk of the upper castes.

It is remarkable that while Gandhi shows so much concern for the poor, he does not present any proposal in Hind Swaraj for the removal or alleviation of poverty itself

When Gandhi initiated his first popular agitation in India in 1917, namely, the Champaran struggle against indigo-planters, the issues raised certainly impinged on what the planters regarded as their proprietary rights; and in 1918 when Gandhi went on a hunger-strike in favour of striking textile mill workers, this could hardly be regarded as consistent with his own nihilistic attitude towards modern industry.

Gandhiji's ideas were put to test still more fundamentally during the Non-Cooperation movement, 1920-22. The main demand initially was for protection of 'Khilafat', a purely Islamic institution under the aegis of Ottoman Turkey, now threatened by the victorious Allies, Britain and France. This could well be justified by the invocation of religion as a legitimate source of political action, implicit in Hind Swaraj . But for larger mass support the demand for Swaraj was added to it; and this essentially meant drawing peasants into the struggle. Their role, however, could only be effective if they ceased paying rent to the landlords, who in turn would not then be able to pay the land-tax to the Government. But this struck against Gandhi's notion of protection of property, and he specifically prohibited such action by peasants in U.P. through his "instructions" issued in February 1921. Yet peasants, especially in U.P., defied the injunction in many places.

The village connect

The experience of the Non-Cooperation movement, led Gandhiji to formulate in 1924, his 'Constructive Programme'. He had by now made his peace with electoral democracy by advocating optional universal suffrage for legislative bodies in an article in 1924. His Constructive Programme concentrated on work in the villages, involving the promotion of Khadi (hand-woven cloth out of hand-spun cotton), which was in line with his rejection of machine-made cloth, though here opposition to use of foreign, especially British, manufactured cloth was also involved. Allied with this project was a campaign for Hindu-Muslim unity and removal of untouchability. Simultaneously Gandhi developed his theory of the property-owners as custodians of the poor, the mill-owners looking after their workers, and landlords, after their tenants. This was part of an obvious bid to overcome class antagonisms. However, the approach was bound to have little practical consequence, since few Zamindars came forward to shower money on their tenants.

When the next cycle of Civil Disobedience began in 1930, the acute distress of peasants owing to the Great Depression of 1929-32, tended to convert it largely into a peasant struggle. There was also now a growing industrial working class. To both peasants and workers the radical approach of Jawaharlal Nehru, himself greatly influenced by the Soviet Revolution of 1917, made a special appeal. Gandhi had already recognised the importance of Nehru as a figure commanding great popularity; and there is no doubt that he was now prepared to make concessions to Nehru's approach. So came about his readiness to espouse Nehru's draft resolution on Fundamental Rights, which Gandhi himself moved at the Karachi session of the Congress on 31 March 1931.

This resolution established many principles in favour of which Gandhi had not yet pronounced, such as equality between men and women not only as voters, but also in appointments to public offices and exercise of trade: reduction of agricultural rent and levy of tax on landlord incomes, state ownership or control of key industries, and, finally, scaling down of the debts of the poor.

Perhaps, Gandhiji later wished to draw back from some of what he had conceded ("a heavy price for the allegiance of Jawaharlal", in the words of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru). Thus to Nehru's clear chagrin, he assured zamindars in U.P. that he would stand by them, if anyone attacked their rights; and when in September 1934 he resigned (formally) from the Congress, he cited as a grievance the rise of the "socialist group" in the Congress. Yet there is no evidence that he opposed in any manner the Congress Provincial Governments in U.P. and Bihar in 1937-39 when they framed their legislation restricting zamindars' rights in relation to their tenants.

Poona Pact

During these years, in fact, Gandhi chose for his main activity the welfare of the Depressed Castes, whom he now called Harijans. Provoked by the British Government's Communal Award of August 1932, he went on fast against separate electorates created for depressed castes. This led to the well-known Poona Pact between depressed caste leaders, and caste Hindu representatives. Contrary to present-day denunciations of the Pact, it actually improved the representation of the Depressed Castes by more than doubling the seats reserved for them in the Provincial Legislatures, and providing 18% reservation (against none in the Communal Award) in the Central Legislature. There was also provision for an initial vote among Depressed Caste voters to select four eligible candidates for each reserved seat.

The Poona Pact proved a signal for Gandhiji from 1932 onward to initiate a nationwide campaign against untouchability and for 'Harijan' uplift. Increasingly, Gandhi now avoided giving any sanction to the caste system, or any philosophical defence of varnashram.

It is difficult to assess how much the experience of the Second World War II (1939-45) and the Quit-India movement of 1942 further altered Gandhiji's social views. It is possible that he continued to cherish some nostalgia for a rural India, content with its poverty, as envisioned in Hind Swaraj , and a reassertion of the responsibilities of the rich as custodians of the poor. But, by and large, his rejection of the inequities of the caste system and of discrimination against women became only sharper.

Above all, his concerns for Hindu-Muslim unity became ever more focused as he stood rock-like against communal violence that enveloped the country in the year of Independence. In his last great act, he went on fast in January 1948 to make India pay ₹Rs55 crore, the sum due to Pakistan, while both countries were at war with each other, and to get Muslims in Delhi back to their homes, from which they had been driven out. Here in practice, was a real assertion of internationalism and sheer humanity – for which he paid with his life on 30 January 30, 1948. It is fitting to remember that on the issue of communal amity Gandhi thus remained as firm till the end as he was at the time of writing Hind Swaraj .

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Anguish undercut by sarcasm

Remembering *The Waste Land*, a masterpiece by T. S. Eliot, which gave voice to the collective disappointment of a generation

Anusua Mukherjee

April is the month when T.S. Eliot is most often remembered thanks to his flattering description of it as the "cruellest month" in *The Waste Land*. But September is actually the month when it all began – Thomas Stearns Eliot was born on September 26, 1888, in St. Louis, Missouri. He had a contested relationship with his American heritage: when he was 25, he left for England, where he stood out like a sore thumb among the Bloomsbury intellectuals presided over by Virginia Woolf, who never missed a chance to poke fun at his Americanness, at least in private. But Eliot knew how to play the game, forestalling mockery by caricaturing himself.

Irony and self-deprecating humour became his style: anguish is routinely undercut by sarcasm in his work. When critics praised *The Waste Land* for voicing the collective disappointment of a generation, Eliot punctured them by saying: "I may have expressed for them their illusion of being disillusioned, but that was not my intention." *The Waste Land* is strewn with images of brown fog and scampering rats, but a jittery strain of laughter also runs through it, offering a different take.

Great androgynous minds

Perhaps the most colourful figure in *The Waste Land* is Madame Sosostris, the celebrated Tarot-card reader, who has a "bad cold". The thought of the common flu affecting the famous clairvoyante immediately lightens the grimness. Madam Sosostris probably harks back to Aldous Huxley's satirical novel *Crome Yellow*, where Mr. Scogan cross-dresses as an old fortune-teller called Sesostris, who foresees a war even as he/she tries to arrange a tryst with a young girl. The themes of war, destruction and sex flow into *The Waste Land* as does the fact that Sesostris, as a clairvoyante of indeterminate gender, is a diminished version of Tiresias the prophet, a central figure of *The Waste Land*, who has lived through the ages both as man and woman and possesses the gift of prophecy.

Madame Sosostris/Tiresias is a nod to the poet who, in his wisdom, can look into the future. Great minds are also androgynous, as Coleridge and Woolf declared. Anti-climactically, the modern poet, pent up in polluted London, suffers from bad colds (Eliot always had a delicate constitution) and the physical manifestations of his psychological androgyny can make him a butt of jokes. Here is the inimitable Woolf, writing in her diary about Eliot in 1922: "I am not sure that he does not paint his lips." Such 'sightings' added grist to the rumour that Eliot was homosexual, fearing women and loving men, especially the young French medical officer Jean Verdenal, whose death in the Great War is lamented deeply in *The Waste Land*.

Eliot's alter ego, the Prufockian man characterised by timidity and overthinking, reappears in *The Waste Land* in what seems like a dramatic exchange between a frantic woman and her male partner, who sits blankly, much to her chagrin. Is he shellshocked or has he just zoned out in the face of her tirade? He clings on to sanity by enumerating the quotidian: "The hot water at ten./ And if it rains, a closed car at four", which, in its banality, echoes Prufrock's "I have measured out my life with coffee spoons". If this is funny, it is decidedly laughter in the dark, but the image of the effete husband being bullied by his hyper wife can also be from a silly marriage joke.

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On Dussehra, whose statue (effigy) is burnt, symbolising the victory of good over evil?

QUESTION 2
Ravana, the lord of Lanka, is believed to be an expert in which musical instrument?

QUESTION 3
According to the Ramayana, what was the weapon used by Lord Rama to kill Ravana in the battle fought at Lanka?

QUESTION 4
The Ramayana, which is the epic that revolves around Lord Ram is told in a play format. What is the name of this play?

QUESTION 5
In which place in India is the Mega Dussehra festival observed in the month of October in the Dhalpur Maidan, "wherein more than half a million people visit the fair from all across the globe" ?

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4. The two women who won the award in 1989 and 2000. **Ans: Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle**
5. The first and second winner who won the award posthumously. **Ans: Prithviraj Kapoor and Vinod Khanna**
6. This 1973 winner was born Ruby Myers. **Ans: Sulochana**
7. In 1981, this film composer was honoured for the first time with the Phalke award. **Ans: Naushad**
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A day with DC

A first-year degree student from K.R. Pet spent a day observing the activities of the Deputy Commissioner of Mandya on Monday. T. Priya, a student of Government Women's First Grade College, had won the first prize in an essay contest organised by the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation and got to observe the functioning of the government and the bureaucracy from close quarters.

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A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 4, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- The Mediation Bill, 2021 **bit.ly/mediationbill**

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Prices of flowers and fruits shoot up ahead of Ayudha Puja

The price of lotus has gone up from ₹900 to ₹1,650 a kg, whereas jasmine is at ₹1,400 a kg; pomegranate and apple are selling at ₹130 and ₹200 a kg respectively; cost of vegetables has fluctuated in recent months because of the rain

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BENGALURU

With the festival of Mahanavami (Ayudha Puja) and Vijayadashami here, prices of flowers as well as festival essentials like lemon and ash gourd have touched the roof in the city markets.

From ₹10 to ₹15 per kg, the price of ash gourd has touched ₹50 to ₹60 per kg. The price of lemons is also in the same range. While other vegetables' prices have remained stable, fruits have gotten costly on the pocket.

The price of lotus has gone from ₹900 to ₹1,650 per kg, whereas jasmine is at ₹1,400 per kg and chrysanthemum (sevanthige) is at ₹400 per kg. A *mola* of marigold, which is mostly used to decorate vehicles, costs ₹100 per kg. "After two years, everything has become normal. There is a huge rise in the flower prices as the demand has increased. Flowers have higher rates than fruits and vegetables" said Thimmaraj, a flower seller.

Similarly, the price of pomegranate and apple per kg is at ₹130 and ₹200 respectively, while bananas are priced at ₹65 per kg. Coconut and banana stems, which are also widely used in the festive rituals are priced at ₹35 per piece and ₹50 per pair respectively.

A variety of vegetables and fruits have arrived at K.R. Market ahead of the festivities. K. MURALI KUMAR

The price of vegetables has seen frequent fluctuations in recent months because of the rain, but for the festivals, the price has not seen a steep hike. Beans top the charts at ₹80 per kg, while carrots are priced at ₹50 per kg. Capsicum and potatoes are priced at ₹55 and ₹30 per kg respectively.

"I am not a frequent buyer of flowers, but shop for fruits and vegetables regularly. The prices of flowers are high, but we cannot stop buying them because we celebrate the festivals in a grand manner at our home. Besides, if the traders are making some profit through these sales, I do not want to bargain with them in the festive season," said Anjali, a homemaker who was shopping in Dasarahalli market.

8-year-old boy attacked by stray dogs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An eight-year-old boy was attacked by a pack of stray dogs in Horamavu, Bengaluru, on Sunday, according to BBMP officials.

The victim has been identified as Yeshwanth. His father, Eranna, said, "Five to six dogs bit my son on his neck, ear and thigh. He was playing on the road. He is being treated at Victoria hospital, and is getting better."

Meanwhile, BBMP Animal Husbandry Department officials said they have got the information regarding the case and an investigation is being conducted.

Bengaluru has seen nearly 10,000 people get bitten by stray dogs till July this year, while the BBMP is still struggling with the sterilisation programme. Data from the BBMP showed that 52,262 dog bite cases have been reported to the civic body from January 2020 to July 2022.

Dandiya sticks go up in the air as the last days of Dasara approach

Ayesha Ayath Aslam
Namrata Baghchi
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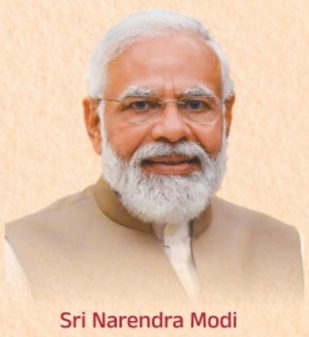
As the 10-day Dasara celebrations almost draw to an end, Dandiya and Garba dance events have been lined up at many venues across the city for the last two days. While some of them went on for all of 10 days, others have opened the floor for three or five days. Dance enthusiasts from all age groups have pulled out their dance sticks and attires for the events.

Even though the COVID norms are relaxed this year, keeping in mind the large groups of people who will assemble, organisers are taking precautionary steps. "We have a traditional band who come from Gujarat and play for this Navaratri. This year, we are keeping it very simple and traditional while trying to maintain COVID protocols as per the government guidelines," said Mohita Chhag owner of NM Events, which has organised Navlee Navaratri (Dandiya event) in Seshadripuram.

At 'Raas Anand Utsav', which has been organised by Sri Jai Ambe Charitable Trust in Palace Grounds, a special 'Chair Garba' has been arranged for senior citizens, to provide them with a comfortable dance experience. Minesh Chhag, committee member of the Charitable Trust said: "The turnout is going to be huge. The craze among the people is more because it is happening after two years. We have a dance competition for children, ladies, couples, and senior citizens and hence, it will be three generations playing together".

Many organisers have roped in renowned singers and popular DJs from Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Punjab to keep up the energy at their events. With such attractions at White House in HSR Layout, Desi Clans is hoping to return to its pre-COVID glory of seeing participation of over a thousand people. On Monday, R.T. Nagar Sarbajanin Durga Puja Samiti had organised a dancing event in Palace Grounds in an area spread across 16,000 square feet.

Festive material on sale at K.R. Market in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR



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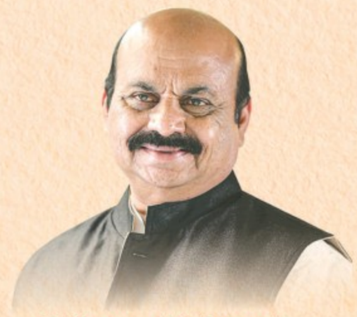

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'Co-op. Department may open canteens in all APMCs'

The canteen of the Department of Cooperation was inaugurated on the premises of APMC at Bandipalya in Mysuru on Monday. S.T. Somashekar, who is also the Minister for Cooperation, inaugurated the Sri Annapurna Canteen. Speaking to reporters, Mr. Somashekar said free meals will be provided at the canteen until the Dasara festivities and then the canteen will charge ₹10 for a meal. If donors come forward like in Mysuru in other cities and towns, the department will take steps to open canteens in other parts of the State in the days ahead."

Quality Circle Competition 2022 organised

The 36th CII Karnataka State-level Quality Circle Competition 2022, organised by Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, saw 52 teams evaluated by 12 industry experts. The completion was also a platform for quality circles to understand to promote and encourage the QC movement with their own organisations. In the competition, ITC Ltd. won the first prize and TVS Motors Mysore bagged the second prize. BEL secured the third prize.

Blood donation camp organised; over 300 take part

DS-Max, in association with the Lions Club, organised a blood donation camp at their corporate office in HBR Layout. Over 300 donors participated in the event, which was conducted on Monday, commemorating Gandhi Jayanti and the auspicious days of Navaratri.

Anti-encroachment drive: BBMP to resume survey after Dasara holidays

Officials say survey was delayed owing to the festival, shortage of staff, and objections from property owners; till date, BBMP has cleared 94 encroachments in the city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the Karnataka High Court warned the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) of action against its Chief Commissioner if the encroachments on rajakaluves are not cleared, the civic body is planning to conduct a survey in the presence of property owners after the Dasara holidays.

Illegal structures being demolished in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Last week

After heavy rain, which led to a flood-like situation in the city, especially in the IT corridor last month, the BBMP started an anti-encroachment drive and had removed illegal structures in various zones. However, last week, the BBMP stopped the drive citing pending survey of encroachments.

A senior BBMP official said the survey has to be conducted by the Revenue Department and once the survey is completed, the encroachment will be cleared. "Along with festival holidays, another reason for the delay in the survey is the shortage of staff. If the Revenue Department conducts a survey, we can take up the anti-encroachment drive," the official added.

For instance, in the Bengaluru East, there are only 11 surveyors, which is leading to a delay in survey. An official from the Revenue Department said, "With 11 surveyors, it is difficult to conduct surveys in East Bengaluru. We have to give notice to owners of the properties and wait. Some property owners also get a stay from the court. All this delays both the survey and encroachment removal drive."

On Friday, September 30, the Karnataka High Court had orally warned that if encroachments are not cleared soon, salaries of BBMP's chief engineers may also be ordered to be withheld. Till date, the BBMP has cleared 94 illegal encroachments in the city, and the civic body still has to clear 602 encroachments on SWDs.

HC deprecates KSRTC's conduct for false stand taken in accident case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deprecating the conduct of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) in taking false and diametrically opposite stands before the two different legal fora to suit its purpose in an accident case, the High Court of Karnataka directed the Managing Director of the KSRTC to come out with a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to prevent such misconduct by its officers.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the direction while taking a serious note of this misconduct on the part of the KSRTC, which is a public sector undertaking.

The court found that the KSRTC had defended one its drivers before a Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) in a road accident occurred in 2015 near Jas toll plaza near Nelamangala in which two persons riding on a motorcycle had died as a result of collision between the KSRTC bus and the two-wheeler.

The KSRTC had categorically contended in writing before the MACT that its driver had driven the bus "slowly and carefully on the left side of the road" and the accident had occurred as the motorcycle rider had rode the vehicle in a rash and negligent manner and collided with the bus on its front side.

Disciplinary inquiry

On the contrary, the court found that the KSRTC had initiated a disciplinary inquiry against the driver based on the inspection report of its officer, who had given a categorical finding that the accident had occurred due to the "rash and negligent action of the bus driver."

The KSRTC had dismissed the driver holding him responsible for the accident resulting in the death of two persons. However, a civil court in Tumakuru had directed the KSRTC to reinstate the driver with back wages minus withholding three increments for his negligence.

The contradictory stand taken by the KSRTC was unearthed when the court summoned the records of the disciplinary inquiry and the proceedings before MACT while hearing a petition filed by the KSRTC, which had questioned the civil court's direction for reinstating the driver. The KSRTC had contended before the civil court that dismissal was a proper punishment for the driver as his negligent driving had resulted in the death of two persons.

"It is only in order to try and escape the payment of compensation that a false stand has been taken by the Road Transport Corporation, which is established to be false," the court noted.

Though MACT had found the driver's negligence caused accident and held the KSRTC liable to pay compensation, the court found that false stand taken by the KSRTC had delayed in paying compensation in the accident case.

The court also directed the MD to initiate disciplinary action against the errant officials in such instances.

Bilkis Bano case: 40,000 sign memorandum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Over 40,000 people from 29 districts of Karnataka signed a memorandum to the Chief Justice of India demanding that the 11 accused in the Bilkis Banu case are sent back to jail for life. The signature campaign in Karnataka is a part of ongoing protests in solidarity with the padayatra taken out in Gujarat by activists led by Magsaysay award winner Sandeep Pandey between September 26 and October 4 that sought to apologise for the grievous act of injustice perpetrated on Bilkis Bano, said a release.

"This campaign has been done on foot through almost all the districts of the State without the use of social media or campaigning portals. The 40,000+ signatures endorsing this letter represents 40,000 individual conversations regarding the case - each a dialogue lasting between five to thirty minutes. These conversations were conducted on the streets, in slum communities, in malls and apartment complexes, in colleges, in front of temples, mosques and churches, in bus stands, metro stations, and auto stands and the signatories were drawn from all walks of life," the release added.

"Upholding the need for justice, Karnataka with Bilkis unequivocally condemns the remission and demanded the following from the Chief Justice from India: The remission granted to the 11 convicts must be revoked and the convicts must be sent back to jail for life. Grant Bilkis Bano and her family security to protect them from further threats and harassment, restore right to rebuild their lives, live in peace and find normalcy. Protection also needs to be provided to witnesses and supporters," said the release.

AIDSO against closure of schools

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AIDSO has demanded the State government to take back the decision to close Moulana Azad model schools and said attention should be given to the development of schools.

Timings
BENGALURU

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RISE	06:09	SET 18:08
RISE	14:02	SET 00:37
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Part-time job fraud: ED searches 12 entities, seizes ₹5.85 crore under PMLA

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Investigations revealed that gullible public, mostly youth, were cheated through a mobile application. AFP

The Directorate of Enforcement says money was also collected in the name of investment through the app 'Keepsharer'

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted search operations on 12 entities in Bengaluru allegedly involved in a part-time job fraud case and seized ₹5.85 crore under section 17 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

The ED initiated money-laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered in South CEN police station, Bengaluru, in the matter related to part-time job fraud.

Bank accounts opened

"Investigations under PMLA revealed that gullible public, mostly youth, were cheated by some Chinese persons using a mobile app, 'Keepsharer', which promised to give part-time job and collected money from them. These Chinese persons formed companies in India and recruited many Indians as directors, translators (for translating Mandarin to English and vice versa), HR Manager and tele callers," said an ED release.

The release further said they obtained documents of Indian persons and opened bank accounts by using their documents. "The accused Chinese persons developed a mobile app in the name of Keepsharer and advertised through WhatsApp and Telegram by offering part-time job opportunity to the youth. This app was linked with an investment app. For registration on this app, they collected money from youth," it said.

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Further, they collected money from the general public also in the name of investment through this app. The youth were given the task of liking the videos of celebrities and uploading them on social media. When the task was completed, they used to pay ₹20 per video and that will be credited in the Keepsharer wallet, the release added.

Cryptocurrency

"For some time, money got credited in their wallet. Later on, the app was removed from the app store. Thus, public was cheated with their investment amount and the remuneration to be paid, which run into crores of rupees. The money collected through scam was routed from the bank accounts of some Bengaluru-based companies and then converted into cryptocurrency and transferred to China based crypto exchanges. All the transactions were under control of Chinese persons through phone and WhatsApp groups," added the release.

As per the charge sheet filed by the police, out of 92 accused persons, six persons are citizens of China and Taiwan who were controlling the entire scam, said the ED, adding that further investigation is under progress.

BBMP chief files plaint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath filed a police complaint on Monday after his photo was used by an unknown number as its WhatsApp display picture and sending messages to his colleagues. In the complaint to Bengaluru cybercrime, he said, "The person has used my WhatsApp DP and is sending messages to my colleagues."

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Rashmi.R, Advocate,
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P & S.C No.640/2022

BETWEEN: SRI. JAYARAMA.M, aged about 39 years, R/at No. 24, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Akashnagar, A.Narayanapura, Dooravaninagar Post, Bangalore-560016. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named Petitioner has made Petition to this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of Schedule Properties mention below. The Schedule properties were owned by Smt. Dhanalaxmi. D who has executed a Will in favour of the Petitioner, who expired on 24.08.2022. Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **29.10.2022** at 11.am inform to show cause against the Petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared exparte/one sided.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Immovable Property bearing No.11/1, Ground Floor together with 1/2 share, right, title and interest in the property situated at 5th Cross, Sathyanarayana Temple Street (formerly portion of Site NO.14, forming part of Sy. NO.117, situated at Gupta Layout) Ulsoor, Bangalore- 560 008, measuring East to West 16.9 Feet and North to South 34 Feet, together with the right to use the common passage measuring North to South 36.9 feet, East to West 4.3+20/2 feet totally measuring 569.5 square feet together with existing Ground Floor building measuring 300 square feet, First Floor building measuring 300 square Feet and the Second floor building measuring 300 Square feet constructed with R.C.C. Roof with Brick wall, mosaic flooring jungle wood doors and windows, and bounded on the **EAST BY:** Property NO.13, **WEST BY:** Rajammal's Property, **NORTH BY:** Property belonging to Smt. Rajeshwari, **SOUTH BY:** Road.

SCHEDULE-B

All that piece and parcel of the Property situated at Northern side of ITEM NO.1 shown above undivided ½ portion of the property measuring North to South 4.9 feet and East to West 16.9 feet totally measuring 82 square feet, consisting of staircase, toilet, bathroom, situated at next to staircase, with a built up area of 40 Square Feet constructed R.C.C, roofing having jungle wood doors and window.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on this 21-09-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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Excursions are back on the table for students

After two years of online classes, school managements say students are excited about the prospects of seeing animals and waterbodies

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With normalcy returning to schools, excursions and trips are also back on the table now. While some schools are starting small with field trips, a few others are planning international trips. Students are displaying utmost enthusiasm, while parents are exercising caution and insisting that safe and healthy travel plans should be designed.

Some school managements think that with the fear of COVID-19 still looming around, it is best to take children to places where there are fewer people. "For two years, children were confined to online classrooms and missed out on socialisation. Taking them outdoors for small excursions is very important. Although we have currently only started field trips, in the near future we will plan out of state trips too. So far, for educational purposes, we took our students to NIMHANS and ISRO", said Kalai Rajan, Head of the school, Knowledgeum Academy.

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However, with older students, even longer period, out-of-State/country excursions are being planned as they are also quite aware of the safety norms, schools say. "Our class X students usually go to Hyderabad on an educational tour. This year also we have planned tentatively in October or November. There will be some sightseeing, fun activities and mainly educational with visits to museums and such places. A batch of students have also gone to Vietnam on an educational tour. For students in first to eighth grade, in the third week of October, a one-day resort tour will be scheduled", said Sunil Fernandes S.J., principal, St. Joseph's Boys High School.

He also said that parents are ensuring that their children are duly vaccinated before the excursions. "Top priority will be given to the safety of all students. If someone falls sick prior to the excursion, we will advise such students not to join", Mr. Fernandes added.

Singapore, Europe, and Dubai seem to be the popular international destinations for excursions, while the golden triangle (Delhi, Jaipur and Agra), Hyderabad and Ooty are the out of State destinations in demand. "In Singapore, they will visit factories and universities, while in Europe, they might go to the space mission. This year we have seen some traction in queries, especially from colleges, but schools have also started enquiries", said Santosh Kanna, Vice President, Leisure Travel - Thomas Cook (India) Ltd, who also heads Trave quest, which exclusively organises educational tours.

School managements said the younger students are excited about the prospects of seeing animals or waterbodies on their excursions. "Children are up for all kinds of excursions. We recently took students of first to sixth grade to Bannerghatta National Park and they were excited to see animals. With fears of Covid slowly depleting, parents are also excited to send their children out on these trips", said U.S. Moinuddin, Secretary, Magnifique English School.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)

Electronic percentage tender through e-procurement platform in single cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer KNNL R &R Division, Atahni on behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building No:1 Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01 for the work of 1) Providing Irrigation facility through pipeline to Sri. Pandu Chandu Kaare of Sy No. 121 and 169 by lifting water from Krishna River in Hulagabal village of Athani Taluka Belagavi Dist (Indent No.34028). 2) Improvements to the Road of Halyal Village Gokak Main Road to Savalagi Approach Road in Athani Taluk. Belgaum District (690.00mtr) (Indent No.34029) 3) Construction of CC Road and compound wall and for Hammulal Bhavan in Athani Taluka Dist:Belgavi (Indent No.34030) 1) The blank tender documents can be obtained and uploaded through E-pocurement between 06-10-2022 @ 10.30 AM to 15-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 2) Last date for tender queries 14-10-2022 upto 4:00 pm 3) Last Date for submission 15-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM 4) Opening of Technical bid on 17-10-2022 @ 11.00 AM 5) Opening of Financial bid on 20-10-2022 @ 11.00 AM 5) Stipulated period–6 months including mansoon 6) Amount put to tender for 1) Rs.41.37 lakhs 2) Rs 46.46 lakhs & 3) Rs.57.36 lakhs, 7) class of Contractor KPWD Class-III and above Registered contractors

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Sd/-(S. B. Bagi)
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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ:– ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 07.10.2022 ಸಮಯ 17–30 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 10.10.2022 ಸಮಯ 16–00 ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 11.10.2022 ಸಮಯ 16–01 ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 13.10.2022 ಸಮಯ 11–01 ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08194 222446) ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್.ಪಿ. ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 080 25501216 ಮತ್ತು 080 25501227 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

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TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

1) Works/Goods/Services Details: Work list enclosed, 2) Works/Goods/Services estimated Amount: As mentioned e-portal, 3) Contractors eligibility details : As mentioned e-portal, 4) Works / Goods / Services Tender Amount Details : As mentioned e-portal, 5) Last date for obtaining blank tender forms : 27.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD details: As mentioned e-portal, 7) Last date for submitting application : 27.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM, 8) Opening of Technical bid : 29.10.2022 at 11.30. AM, 9) Verification of uploaded tender documents with originals. Tenderer has to personally come with original tender documents for verification and also submit one set of notarized copies of the same at Estate Branch, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Nandinagar, Bidar 585226 (Next working day, in case it is declared as a holiday). Failing to do this, the firm will be rejected : 03.11.2022 at 10.00 A.M, 10) Opening of financial bid : 07.11.2022 at 11.30. AM 11) For more details contact office address, contract numbers : Office of the Estate Officer KVAFSU, Nandinagar, Bidar 08482-245446, 12) Website details : e-procurement portal-www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka, has proposed a Greenfield project of construction of an Airport at Shivamogga in an extent of 775 Acres (313.631 Ha) in Sogane Village limits of Shivamogga Taluk & District. This project belongs to Shivamogga District and the said Project Authority is required to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF & CC, New Delhi, as per EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments. And the project is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. Accordingly, the proponent has obtained ToR issued by MoEF & CC, Government of India, vide No. F.No.21-27/2022-IA-III, dated 19.04.2022. And as per proponent request letter No.EE/PWD Spl.Dvn/AE-1/EIA-2022-23/2036(A) dated16.09.2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as per details given below:

1. Name and address of project proponent : The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka, Special Division, Shivamogga.
2. Proposed location of the project : Sogane Village limits of Shivamogga Taluk & District.
3. Details of activity : Construction of New Greenfield Airport in an extent of 775 Acres (313.631 Ha) in Sogane Village limit of Shivamogga Taluk & District.
4. Date, time and venue of public hearing : 5th day of November 2022 Saturday 11.00 AM at project location, Sogane Village, Shivamogga Taluk & District.
5. Capital Investment : Rs.384 Cr

6. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga (c) District Industries Centre, Shivamogga. (d) City Corporation, Shivamogga. (e) Taluk Panchayath Office, Shivamogga Taluk. (f) Village Panchayath Office, Sogane Village. (g) Office of the Regional Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Plot No. 156, Auto Complex, Industrial Area, Shivamogga 577 204. (h) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (i) **HELP DESK**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site who are likely to be affected by the proposed project, are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee **(Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga District)**. Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above mentioned place. **For details please visit KSPCB Website: http://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri
This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/8443/2022-23/4770/ Dt : 03-10-2022

E-Tender Notification

On 03-10-2022 through E-Procurement tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 154365 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: **12-10-2022** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- (K. Ramesh)
Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri

DIPR/Haveri/MCA/293/2022-23

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/17/2022-23
Dated: 30-09-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2021-22. Under Two Cover System. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 10-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
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DIPR/CP/2503/Adverto/2022-23

Kolar District Co-Operative
Milk Producer's Societies Union Limited., Kolar
[P.B No. 63, N.H-75, Huthur Post, Kolar – 563102. Karnataka]
(Ph.No 08152-282 310/350/331,7760964517, E-Mail- komulpurchase@yahoo.com)

IFT No.KMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/ 5693/2022-23 Date: 01.10.2022

**** E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION ****

The Kolar Milk Union Limited, Kolar invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the supply of the following materials/services.

Sl.No	Description of Material / Service	Qty
01	Supply of Various Dry Fruits for production of Nandini Sweets on ARC Basis to KOMUL	01 Lot
02	Supply of CIP Chemicals on ARC Basis to KOMUL	36,000 Kgs
03	Supply Installation & Commissioning of Thermal Transfer Overprinting Units with Coding consumables for Prepack Division of KOMUL	30 No's
04	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 3000 Ltrs Capacity Bulk Milk Cooler with 20 KVA Water/Coolant Cooled D.G Set along with accessories for Kalva and Kurugal BMC Centers of Kolar Taluk	02 No's
05	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 5000 Ltrs Capacity Bulk Milk Cooler with 25 KVA Water/Coolant Cooled D.G Set along with accessories for Koragondahalli BMC Center of Kolar Taluk	01 No
06	Bi-ennial Maintenance Contract for Pest Control Services at Kolar Dairy Premises of KOMUL	01 Job

IFT No. KCMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/5694/2022-23 Date: 01.10.2022

Sl.No	Description of Service	Qty
01	Bi-ennial Maintenance Contract for Pest Control Services at Mega Dairy & Chintamani, Sadali & Gowribidanur Chilling Centers Premises of CHIMUL	01 Job

Access to E-tender Documents : 01.10.2022 to 31.10.2022 05.30 PM
Last date for submission : on or before 31.10.2022, 05.30 PM
Date of opening of Tech. Tender : 02.11.2022, 11.00 AM onwards

Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/-
M.D.KOMUL

Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli
e-Procurement Tender Notice
(Standard Bidding Document KW-1, KW-2)
Tender Notification No.: BTMC/TS/CR/06/2022-23 Date: 26.09.2022

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura District, Chikkaballapura invites tenders as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 in KW-1 and KW-2 forms from contractors of eligible class registered in PWD for undertaking Works of Compound, Road, Drain, Water Supply and Installation of Street Lamps under 15th Finance Scheme Basic Grant for the year 2022-23 and 14th Finance scheme for the year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 14th Finance General Performance Grant's remaining amount for the year 2017-18, S.F.C. Open Fund Scheme for the year 2022-23.

15th Finance Scheme Basic Grant for the year 2022-23: (1) **Name of Work:** DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDEN138355Reserved for Scheduled Caste. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 15.80 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.24,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 3 Months. (2) DMA/2022-23/WS/ WORK _INDEN138388 General Package-2 Reserved for Scheduled Caste. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 15.18 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.38,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 3 Months. (3) DMA/2022-23/WS/ WORK _INDEN138391General Package-3. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 8.32 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.21,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. (4) DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK _INDEN138395General Package-4. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 22.48 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.50,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 3 Months. (5) DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK _INDEN138408General Package-. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 29.86 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.60,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 3 Months. (6) DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK _INDEN138413General Package-6. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 25.70 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.51,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 3 Months. **S.F.C. Scheme Grant for the year 2022-23:** (7) DMA/2022-23/BD/ WORK _INDEN138418General . **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 4.32 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.11,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. (8) DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDEN138420Reserved for Scheduled Caste . **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 2.00 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.3,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. (9) DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDEN138471Reserved for Scheduled Tribes. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 2.61 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.4,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. **14th Finance Basic for the year 2019-20 and 14th Finance General Performance Grant's remaining amount for the year 2017-18:** (10) DMA/2022-23/EL/ WORK _INDEN138472General. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 8.97 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.22,500/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. **14th Finance Grant's remaining amount for the year 2018-19:** (11) DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDEN138470Reserved for Scheduled Tribes. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 4.82 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.7,500/-. **Time Period of tender:** 2 Months. **Remaining amount in day-NULM Scheme for the year 2019-20 and other Grant:** (12) DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK _INDEN138474General. **Approx. Amount:** Rs. 6.80 lakhs. **E.M.D.Amount:** Rs.17,000/-. **Time Period of tender:** 4 Months.**Class of Contractor: for Sl.No. (4)** : Eligible PWD Contractor of Class 2 and above. for Sl.No. (5) Eligible PWD Contractor of Class 1 and above and all the other works Eligible PWD Contractor of Class 3 and above.

Note: Tender Form Fee: As per e-procurement. (1) Last date for submission of tender in e-procurement portal: 1**1.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM.** (2) Date of opening the Bid: **13.10.2022 after 4.30 PM. Conditions:** (1) Contractors for the work of Drilling Borewell should have registered the Rig Equipment in Karnataka Ground Water Authority in the participating Contractors Name in form 7A as per Karnataka Ground Water Act 2011 under Section 13(4) Rule 8. (2). Further information and details can be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** (3) For further details Technical Section can be contacted during Office hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, Mr.Deepak Jaiswal S/o of Mr. Devendra Kumar Jaiswal, residing at 'HIBISCUS' No.A1901, Salapuria Greenage, Near Oxford College, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 intends to purchase the schedule property mentioned below from its owner Mr.Deepak C.Reddy, S/o.Late. V.C.Reddy, residing at No.409, 5th Cross, 7th Main, J.P.Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bangalore-560078. All persons having any claim, objections, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule property or the transaction may file his / her / their objections in writing with documentary evidence to the under signed or directly to my client within **7 days** from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which it will be deemed as no claims and my client will proceed to complete the proposed transaction.

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All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No.10C, Katha No.215/10C, as per Yamare Village Panchayat records property No.215/10C, E-Katha No.150200100100600275, measuring East to West 72 feet and North to South 62.5 feet, totally measuring 4500 Square feet, formed in the layout known as 'Trinity Home Stead' carved out of bearing Survey Nos.37/1B, 37/1C, 39/2, 40, 45, 46, 49/1, 49/2, 49/3, 49/4, 50/1 and 50/3 duly converted vide conversion order No.ALN.SR(A)188/1995-96 dated 05.01.1996 situated at Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on, **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.7, **North By:** Road and **South by:** Site No.10B

S.C.Rajesh Kumar
Advocate
No.387 & 388, 25th 'B' Main,
22nd Cross, Sector-2,
HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102
Mob: 9448239153
Bangalore
Date: 04-10-2022

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works, Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D, SEDAM DIVISION, SEDAM

No.PWD/Ts-1/corrigendum/2022-23/2171 Date: 30-09-2022

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under 5054-SCP & 5054-Appendix- E Works For The year 2021-22 in Chittapur and Chincholi Taluka.
Ref:- 1) This office tender notification No. 1361, Dated : 26-07-2022
2) This office tender notification No. 1781, Dated : 01-09-2022

With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works from Chittapur taluka PART-I Work Indent No 5054-SCP – 154869, & PART-II - 5054-SH Improvements-154722 & 5054- MDR- Improvements- 154851. Chincholi taluka PART-II Work Indent No 5054- MDR- Improvements- 153884 are postponed by technical issue in the e-procurement Portal. The Calendar of Events for the works read is under.

1) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **25/10/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : **27/10/2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **29/10/2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **31/10/2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **02/11/2022 at 16.30 Hrs.**

Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (https//www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D Division Sedam

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INBRIEF

Notices issued to two dissident JD(S) MLAs

The Legislative Assembly secretriat has issued notices to two dissident Janata Dal (Secular) MLAs from Gubbi and Kolar S.R. Srinivas and Srinivas Gowda, respectively, seeking their response to alleged cross voting during the recently concluded elections to Rajya Sabha. The notices have been issued by Assembly Secretary M.K. Vishalakshi based on the complaint that has been filed by JD(S) seeking action against the two legislators under the anti-defection law. The two dissident legislators were accused of cross voting, enabling the victory of BJP candidate Lahar Singh that resulted in the defeat of JD(S) candidate Kupendra Reddy.

State govt. to arrange for visit to Deeksha Bhoomi

The State government is arranging for a trip of about 5,000 people to Deeksha Bhoomi located in Nagpur of Maharashtra where Architect of the Constitution B.R. Ambedkar was initiated into Buddhism, according to Social Welfare Minister Srinivas Poojari. The Minister pointed out that it had become a tradition for the followers of Dr. Ambedkar to embark on a Deeksha yatra to Deeksha Bhoomi where Pravarthana day would be organised every October.

Funds released for controlling leaf disease in arecanut plants

For controlling the leaf disease impacting arecanut plantations in coastal and malnad districts, the State government has released ₹4 crore. This would be passed on to farmers who own less than 1.5 acres of arecanut plantation. The leaf disease has been impacting arecanut plants widely in Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Kodagu districts, said Home Minister Araga Jnanendra. Out of allocated ₹8 crore, the government has released ₹4 crore in the first phase, he said. Each farmer is eligible to avail ₹4,000 per acre for controlling the disease by effectively undertaking chemical sprays.

Bharat Jodo Yatra: Rahul Gandhi visits religious shrines in Mysuru

He stopped by the Masjid-E-Azam on Ashoka Road and the St. Philomena's Church in the city, after which he went to Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hills; Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge will join the march when it resumes after a two-day break on Thursday

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Before visiting Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stopped by the Masjid-E-Azam on Ashoka Road and the nearby St. Philomena's Church in the city as the Bharat Jodo Yatra he is leading rolled out of Mysuru and entered the neighbouring Mandya district on Monday.

The Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir padayatra, which entered its 26th day on Monday, began from the Hardinge circle, now renamed Jayachamarajendra Circle, before winding its way through the Old Statue circle and proceeding along the Ashoka Road with Mr. Rahul Gandhi accompanied by former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah leading a large number of party leaders and supporters.

Mr. Gandhi was welcomed into the Masjid-E-Azam on Ashoka Road, where he was felicitated with a shawl and a garland. Former Minister Tanveer Sait, who was also present, explained to Mr. Gandhi the history of the mosque, which is among the oldest in Mysuru.

He next visited the St. Philomena's Church, situated a short distance away, and was welcomed by Bishop of Mysuru K.A. Williams and other priests.

The padayatra soon swelled with a large number of participants as it proceeded along the designated route towards Fountain Circle, where flower petals were showered and slogans were raised in favour of the Congress leaders. The march went past Tipu Circle and Old Toll Gate before exiting the city from the Manipal Hospital Circle on Ring Road Junction.

Apart from Mr. Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K. Shivakumar, All India Congress Committee general secretaries Randeep Singh Surjewala and K.C. Venugopal, former MP and KPCC working president R. Dhruvanarayan walked alongside Mr. Gandhi.

Later, Mr. Gandhi, accompanied by party leaders including Mr. Shivakumar, drove to Chamundeshwari Temple, where he offered special prayers. He later returned and joined the padayatra.

After visiting the shrine, Mr. Gandhi tweeted that religious harmony was the foundation of India's peaceful and progressive future.

The Congress leader, who had visited Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud on Sunday, had also paid a visit to Suttur Mutt the same day and sought the blessings of the seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swami.

The padayatra, meanwhile, concluded at Pandavapura, where he addressed the gathering and thanked the participants for standing up against the "hate and violence" that has spread in India by joining the march.

Mr. Gandhi's address after the conclusion of the day's padayatra a day earlier on Sunday was marred by torrential rain, but the Congress leader had chosen to continue his speech despite the downpour.

The Bharat Jodo Yatra will have a two-day break for Ayudha pooja and Vijayadashami as part of Dasara festival. When the padayatra resumes on October 6, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and party's senior leader M. Mallikarjun Kharge, who is in the race for the post of party president, will join the march.

(Clockwise from top left) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tasting sugarcane; and visiting the Chamundeshwari Temple, Masjid-E-Azam, and with nuns at St. Philomena's Church in Mysuru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ashok launches 'PFI Bhagya' poster campaign against Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To counter the controversial 'PayCM' poster campaign of the Opposition Congress, the BJP on Monday launched "PFI Bhagya" with a photograph of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and said it was a shame on part of the Congress leader to now claim that the PFI was banned because of his suggestion.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who released the poster against the Congress, said the Siddaramaiah government had withdrawn 175 cases registered against 1,600 activists of PFI and KFD. Cases had been registered against PFI members for indulging in communal violence in 2010 in Mysuru, Shivamogga and other parts of the State, he said.

The then DG/IGP and the Law Department officials had recommended against withdrawal of the cases. But the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government had withdrawn the cases to appease the minority community, he alleged.

Noting that the then AICC general secretary incharge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal had opposed the PFI ban, Mr. Ashok said because PFI members received training in Kerala, Mr. Venugopal, who hails from Kerala, opposed the ban.

Minister of Revenue R. Ashok releasing a poster on the campaign in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The PFI, which had received funding from foreign countries, had indulged in anti-national activities. The Congress government which was known for divide-and-rule policy, had not shown courage to ban the PFI during the 10-year rule of the UPA led by Manmohan Singh government. The Modi government has demonstrated its commitment to national security by imposing the ban. The police had launched a crackdown on all anti-national activists associated with PFI and their activities in different parts of the State", he claimed.

Release grants to all MLCs: Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday urged the State government to release ₹50 crore grant to all MLCs similar to the grant released to BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar.

"The demand will be placed before Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai by a delegation of MLCs shortly. It is not correct to discriminate among MLCs. We have no issues with ₹50 crore given to one MLC, but the same attitude should be shown to our MLCs too," he told reporters here.

His statement comes in the wake of violence in Channapatna on Saturday where protesting JD(S) workers attacked the car of Mr. Yogeshwar when he had arrived to lay foundation stone for works worth ₹50 crore. While Mr. Kumaraswamy, who represents Channapatna Assembly constituency, was not invited for the programme, his name had been printed in the invitation. Questioning the need to have the programme under police protection and keeping out the local legislator, Mr. Kumaraswamy asked why was the function held violating protocol.

'Hosabale's statement raises questions on claims of *achche din*'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday said RSS national general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale's statement that economic inequality, poverty and unemployment are very dangerous holds a mirror to the present condition in India, besides raising big questions over claims of "achche din" by the Union government.

He said that economic inequality is a black dot at a time the country is celebrating Amrit Mahotsava of Independence.

"I am shocked at the statistics provided by Mr. Hosabale. A total of 23 crore people are earning less that ₹375 per day while one industrialist is making ₹42 crore per hour and ₹6,000 crore per week," Mr. Kumaraswamy said on Twitter in response to a speech delivered by Mr. Hosable in Delhi. "This is India's present picture. What is more shocking than one person holding 20% wealth?" he said.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "One does not require special expertise to say who has flourished, who has lost everything in the last seven years of BJP rule. Mr. Hosabale himself said that 20 crore people are living below poverty line and 4 crore youth are unemployed. Then who became rich in the last 7 years?"

He said: "Malnutrition is rampant across the country. There is no drinking water in hundreds and lakhs of villages. When this is the truth, why there is fear to introspect *achche din*? Mr. Hosabale has spoken truth of what surveys also said." The former Chief Minister said: "Don't be surprised if an increasing economic inequality leads to bigger rage. Country getting caught in the web of corporate world is not a good sign for India's future. It is time that BJP woke up."

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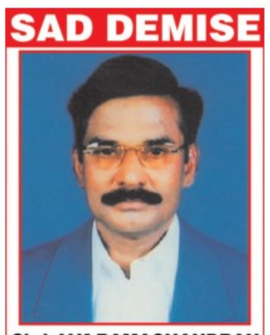
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SAD DEMISE



Shri. V.K.RAMACHANDRAN
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Sadly missed along life's way...
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No longer in our life to share
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Tharoor campaigns in Hyderabad, says no G-23 group exists in Congress

Not contesting would betray the trust of colleagues who urged him to participate, says senior Congress leader while flagging the need for a strong Congress to take on the BJP at the Centre and win the Lok Sabha election in 2024

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Shashi Tharoor, MP, who is contesting the Congress presidential election, on Monday highlighted the need for a strong Congress to take on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the Centre, and said that he would not withdraw from the election.

"We have lost two elections continuously, and come what may, we have to win the coming Lok Sabha elections. For that, there is a need for a strong party," Mr. Tharoor said at a press conference here. He was accompanied by former Union Minister M. Pallam Raju.

Mr. Tharoor is in Hyderabad to campaign and seek support from the Pradesh Congress Committee leaders. He is taking on senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge in the election.

Referring to the 'G-23' leaders in the Congress, who wrote to the party high command for internal reforms, Mr. Tharoor said that there was no such grouping. "Let me make it clear that there is no such group. It's the media's idea. Couple of senior leaders wrote the letter. They invited large number of people to support them. They told me that they have contacted over phone about 100 people to support them. At that time in 2020, there was COVID-19 lockdown. Only 23 people were available in Delhi to sign it, and that is why 23 people had signed it. It could have been more or it could have been less," Mr. Tharoor said.

Staying firm: Shashi Tharoor with former Union Minister M. Pallam Raju at a press conference in Hyderabad on Monday. G. RAMAKRISHNA

"I am happy to say that I have lot of well-wishers from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Let me stress. I am not going to withdraw despite my respect for Mr. Kharge, because to do so is to betray colleagues from across the country who came forward and urged me to contest the election in the first place," he said.

'TRS general body meet will be held tomorrow'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

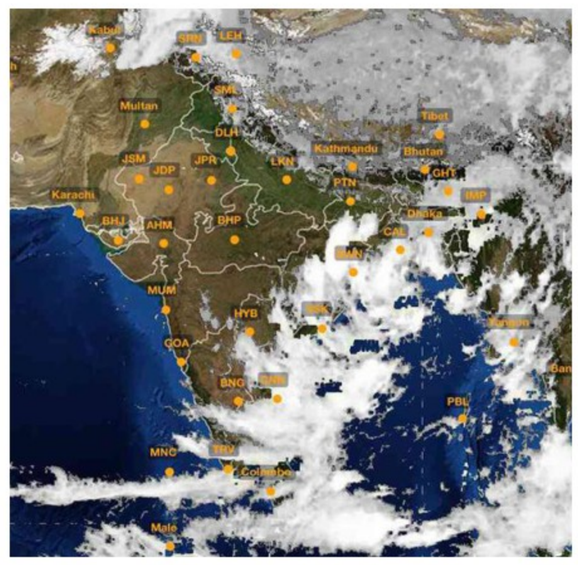
The general body meeting of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, coinciding with Dasara, at the Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.

Party president and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao clarified that notification for by-poll to the Munugode Assembly segment would not affect the meeting of the party. The Chief Minister requested party leaders to attend the meeting.

Mr. Rao is expected to announce the party's foray into national politics during the general body meeting.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, west Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Karaikal, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	80	32.9	24.8	Kozhikode	2	32.4	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	35.4	25.0	Kurnool	—	33.4	23.3
Aizawl	5	26.2	21.4	Lucknow	—	34.6	25.5
Allahabad	—	36.0	25.3	Madurai	—	38.0	26.0
Bengaluru	—	26.5	20.2	Mangaluru	3.4	29.2	23.8
Bhopal	—	33.3	—	Mumbai	—	31.4	24.4
Bhubaneswar	0.1	30.2	25.5	Mysuru	12	29.7	18.2
Chandigarh	—	35.9	23.2	New Delhi	—	34.8	22.5
Chennai	—	34.0	27.4	Patna	—	34.5	26.7
Coimbatore	—	32.2	22.2	Port Blair	—	30.8	26.1
Dehradun	—	34.0	21.5	Puducherry	—	35.0	25.1
Gangtok	—	22.6	17.1	Pune	—	31.1	20.4
Goa	—	31.9	24.3	Raipur	—	32.0	25.0
Guwahati	33	29.4	24.5	Ranchi	42	28.6	21.7
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	15	24.0	17.5
Hyderabad	—	31.3	21.6	Shimla	—	25.3	15.0
Imphal	14	25.7	19.7	Srinagar	—	27.0	9.6
Jaipur	—	35.2	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	24	30.1	23.7
Kochi	47	29.6	23.0	Tiruchi	—	33.5	25.5
Kohima	—	26.0	17.0	Vijayawada	—	33.8	26.6
Kolkata	1	31.0	26.0	Visakhapatnam	18	32.0	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	..51	...1	52	74	
Bengaluru	.10	..18	.20	42	...260	
Chennai	..—	..48	.93	...104	80	
Delhi	.14	..—	.85	...126	...378	
Hyderabad	.13	2	177	65	99	
Kolkata	.14	.25	.11	30	45	
Lucknow	...7	..63	.61	...162	...145	
Mumbai	...6	..86	.67	38	87	
Pune	..—	..35	.85	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.19	..53	.41	89	...105	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Chhapra, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 207 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Kohima, Nagaland recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala leader of banned PFI in NIA custody for five days

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A. Abdul Sathar, Kerala general secretary of the proscribed Popular Front of India, was released to the custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday for five days.

Anil K. Bhaskar, Special Judge of the NIA Court, released the accused to the custody of the investigation agency, which had sought his custody for seven days for obtaining information on the funding and other support received by the organisation.

The accused, who had been arrested from Karunagapally, near Kollam, by the Kerala Police, was later handed over to the agency. The court has instructed the central agency to produce him back to the court on Friday.

Last week, the NIA had carried out a nationwide crackdown on the organisation and arrested several of its members.

Panel suggestions only option to decide A.P. capital, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Minister Dharmana Prasada Rao says decentralisation policy supported idea of three capitals

State Revenue Minister Dharmana Prasada Rao on Monday stated that the K.V. Sivaramakrishnan Committee's recommendations would be the only option to decide on the capital of Andhra Pradesh by adopting the 'decentralisation' policy for development and better administration.

Addressing the gathering at a round-table conference on 'decentralisation policy and benefits' here, Mr. Prasada Rao said, "Mr. Sivaramakrishnan's report is still a valid document for Andhra Pradesh. The city of Visakhapatnam is equipped with an ecosystem that deserves to be the State's administrative capital."

Representing the northern Andhra Pradesh region in the meet, Mr. Prasada Rao said decentralisation policy supported the idea of three capitals.

Former Agriculture Minister and Kakinada Rural MLA Kurasala Kannababu said, "The State's financial resources will be inadequate to build the capital city of Amaravati. The Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS) has warned that the idea of Amaravati was not viable but the previous government had gone ahead with it."

On regional development of the State, Rajamahendravaram MP Margani Bharat said that the State government would come up with regional boards that would focus exclusively on the respective region such as Northern Andhra, Krishna-Godavari and Rayalaseema.

Backward Classes Welfare Minister Ch. Venu Gopala Krishna said that reorganisation of districts, village secretariat system and three capital ideas were part of the decentralisation policy. The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government had already committed itself to the decentralisation policy, he added.

Sweet are the uses of festivals

Sweet joy: Sugar cane being stacked at the big bazaar in Palakkad on Monday. During the Navaratri festival, there is a huge demand for sugar cane and the lion's share of them are brought in from Tamil Nadu. K.K. MUSTAFAH

TRS government tapping phones of politicians, officials: Kishan Reddy

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Union Minister and Secunderabad MP G. Kishan Reddy on Monday accused the Telangana Rastra Samiti (TRS) government of tapping phones of not only BJP leaders but also members of its own party and top IAS and IPS officers.

Responding to a question at a press conference at the party office on Monday, the BJP leader made the charge but did not elaborate on the statement. He claimed that TRS leaders were continuously taking the names of the Central investigative agencies such as the Enforcement Department, the Income Tax Department and the Central Bureau of Investigation, as they seemed to be guilty.

> When the ground is shifting beneath his feet and his own CM's chair has become shaky, Mr. Rao harbours dreams of defeating the BJP...
>
> **G. KISHAN REDDY**
> Union Minister

While denying any move to install meters to agriculture pumpsets, he said the BJP would only work towards providing quality power to farmers. However, it will not hesitate to put meters to investigate "illegal" activities of the TRS leaders in land grabbing, mining and real estate deals, he said.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's proposed national party, Bharat Rastra Samithi (BRS), is nothing but a wicked move to deflect Telangana people's attention from the disenchantment against his regime during the campaign for the Munugode byelection and dissension within his own party, he alleged.

"When the ground is shifting beneath his feet and his own Chief Minister's chair has become shaky, Mr. Rao harbours dreams of defeating the BJP at the Centre. First, he should get re-elected in the next Assembly election before aiming for the sky," Mr. Reddy said.

TRS leaders themselves are unable to fathom the rationale behind the announcement of the national party and are privately having a laugh, he said. While Mr. Rao has the freedom to launch one, no Opposition trusts him and the TRS had lost 50% of the Lok Sabha seats, and most polls after the last general elections, he said.

CPI elects Kanam Rajendran as party's Kerala secretary for a third straight term

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The State conference of the Communist Party of India (CPI) has elected Kanam Rajendran the party's Kerala secretary for the third consecutive term.

Mr. Rajendran scotched rumours of factionalism, saying the State Council had unanimously elevated him. "The party has no groups or factions. Comrades have the right to voice their opinion in their respective party forums. However, the party's decision-making is always consensual and concordant in the tradition of democratic centralism," he said.

Kanam Rajendran

In an arguably oblique reference to the State conference eve "mutiny" over the 75-year age limit for State council membership by party veterans, C. Divakaran and K.E. Ismail, Mr. Rajendran reiterated the principles of organisational cohesion, party discipline and central control.

Some interpreted his words as a veiled warning of possible disciplinary action against dissidents.

Mr. Divakaran and Mr. Ismail had suggested that the party lacked the unity necessary for a unanimous election to the State secretary's post and implied that there could be a challenge to Mr. Rajendran's leadership.

Notably, the party dropped Mr. Divakaran from the State council.

Six washed away while bathing in Kollidam

The Hindu Bureau
THANJAVUR

Six persons, who entered the Kollidam river near Poondi on Monday, were washed away by the strong current. While four bodies have been retrieved, the search is on for the other two.

According to police sources, D. Charles, 38; D. Prithiviraj, 36; D. David, 30; T. Isaac, 19; S. Praveen Raj, 19; and S. Kermel, 19, of Siluvaipatti, a small coastal hamlet in Thoothukudi, were among the 54 persons who had come for a pilgrimage to Poondi Madha Basilica. The six ventured into the Kollidam to bathe.

Police and Fire and Rescue Services personnel during the search operation in Kollidam river in Thanjavur district on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

All of them were swept away by the strong water current. Hearing their cries, the villagers rushed to help and informed the Thirukattupalli police and the Fire and Rescue Services, who retrieved the bodies of Charles and Prithiviraj.

After over six hours of searching, the rescue service personnel found the bodies of David and Praveen Raj, police sources said. The bodies were sent to the Thiruvaiyaru Government Hospital for an autopsy.

The Fire and Rescue Services personnel continued the search operation in two boats to find the other two persons.

Collector Dinesh Ponraj Oliver along with Poondi Madha Basilica Rector Rev. Fr Samson and Vice-Rector Rev. Fr Ruban Antoniraj visited the spot and supervised the search operation and offered condolences to the families of the victims.

A pall of gloom descended on Siluvaipatti once the news of the accident made its way to the hamlet.

"Our villagers used to visit these holy places (Poondi and Velankanni) every year during holidays. As the quarterly holidays for the children commenced on October 1, 54 persons, including 20 women and 10 children, had gone on a pilgrimage to Poondi and Velankanni by bus on Sunday," said the relative of a victim. "Though most of them can swim, the heavy flow swept them away. They should have taken bath safely after seeing the menacing current," the relative added.

(With inputs from P. Sudhakar)

Every drop counts

The infrastructure created as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission must be long lasting

One of the most significant commitments of the Narendra Modi government is to ensure piped water to every rural household by 2024. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, led by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, 10.2 crore rural households, or about 53% of the eligible population, now have tap water access. This, the Government claims, is a 37-percentage point rise from 2019 when the scheme was announced, where its stated aim is to ensure at least 55 litres per person per day of potable water to every rural household – which implies a mere connection does not suffice. The Government commissions annual surveys to evaluate the success of the scheme. A recent audit, by a private agency, found that around 62% of rural households in India had fully functional tap water connections within their premises. A report of a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources in March, based on numbers provided by the nodal Jal Shakti Ministry, stated that 46% households had such fully functional tap water connections. It is important to note that for the purposes of the survey, only 3% of rural households were surveyed by the agency for the updated numbers and so the margin of error may be substantial and subject to the way the survey was designed. If the numbers are accurate, however, this represents an impressive rise in potable, tap water accessibility and suggests that the mission is well on its way to meeting its 2024 target.

The survey, however, revealed wide disparities in achievement. Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Puducherry reported more than 80% of households with fully functional connections while less than half the households in Rajasthan, Kerala, Manipur, Tripura, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim had such connections. About 75% of households received water all days of the week, and only 8% just once a week. On average, households got water for three hours every day. Moreover, the report mentions a problem of chlorine contamination. Though 93% of the water samples were reportedly free of bacteriological contamination, most of the anganwadi centres and schools had higher than the permissible range of residual chlorine. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the progress of the scheme but with the economy now close to pre-pandemic levels, it is likely that the challenges of labour and material have softened somewhat to aid the progress of the scheme. The Centre should liaise better with States that are falling behind in targets and ensure that the infrastructure created as part of the scheme is long lasting and not merely to meet election targets.

Love and loss

Crowd control in sports with random, injurious means can be fatal

As tragic as the stampede in the Kanjuruhan Stadium, in East Java, Indonesia, that killed at least 125 people after a football game on Saturday night, was, the most telling comment on the incident was made by an injured survivor, who rightfully blamed the police for "dehumanising" the spectators. When some spectators descended onto the pitch after the game and engaged in scuffles, the police overreacted with the use of tear gas, leading the fans on the pitch and others to scamper to the nearest gate, only to find it closed, resulting in a crowd rush and asphyxiation. This accident is reminiscent of other crowd-related tragedies such as the deaths of eight people in January 2022 during the Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon, those of 74 spectators in Port Said, Egypt in 2012 and 97 Liverpool supporters at Hillsborough in Yorkshire, England in 1989. In all three cases, the deaths were less the result of hooliganism and more to do with police incompetence and crowd control failure. FIFA, football's governing body, has come up with a clear guideline on stadium safety – "no firearms or crowd control gas shall be carried or used" by police or stewards in charge of crowd control. This guideline is not without reason. Policing of this kind is done to bring order when violence goes beyond control and descends into riots and there is little thought for public safety. With stadiums being regulated and closed spaces, using firearms or tear gas for crowd control would only result in furthering chaos and threats to public safety. It is only apt that the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights is planning to investigate the use of tear gas by the police and civil society organisations are asking for the organisers and police to be brought to trial.

With legions of passionate supporters across several countries, football is unquestionably the world's most popular spectator sport, largely due to its simplicity and emphasis on skill and team work. But the flip side of spectator passion is that their tribal emotions for and against some teams or players overcome their appreciation of the abilities of the players or actual play. This false consciousness of identifying with the actual participants in a competitive game while merely being a spectator, is a key reason for the inflamed passions that come with the territory of spectator sports, which are also fanned by commercial and political interests. While the blame for the deaths in Kanjuruhan should be on the police for overzealous crowd control, the recurrent nature of such tragedies should also make every sport fan introspect on the role of a spectator. It's one thing to appreciate the beautiful game, it's quite another if that appreciation turns into a fatal attraction.

With the rupee under pressure, what next

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Even without getting into any quantitative measure of vulnerability, it is quite clear that the rupee is under pressure. In the last one year, it depreciated by over 10%, has crossed the psychological marker of ₹80 to a dollar, and India's foreign exchange reserves are down by more than $100 billion.

The rupee is falling on account of two factors. The first is the widening current account deficit, mainly owing to the rise in the price of oil triggered by the Ukraine war. And the second is capital outflows, driven by a strengthening dollar on the back of aggressive rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Tantrums, but not of the taper variety

Having been at the helm in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the taper tantrums of 2013, I have been asked in recent weeks whether India is heading into a similar crisis. I believe that is unlikely because there are big differences between the external situation then and now. For one, there was pressure built up in the exchange rate then whereas the exchange rate today is tracking fundamentals more closely. Second, India's macro situation then was fragile because of year-on-year high fiscal and current account deficits. Most importantly, India's current war chest of reserves inspires confidence that India lacked at that time.

Arguably, the pressure on the rupee has softened, if only modestly, compared to six months ago, because the price of oil which was ruling above $100 to a barrel has since dropped to $88, India's monthly trade deficit appears to have come off the peak, and capital flows are stabilising.

This is by no means to suggest that India is slowly heading into a comfort zone. On the contrary, the country remains vulnerable on many counts.

> Even though a crisis is unlikely because of differences between the external situation then and now, India could still remain vulnerable on many counts

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At risk on different counts

By far the most important vulnerability stems from the current account deficit (CAD) – a broader measure than the trade deficit because it takes into account invisibles such as, for example, travel and tourism – is expected to widen to beyond 3% of GDP this year, higher than 2.5% that the RBI considers to be the safe limit. India can withstand a one-off overshoot of the CAD beyond the safety zone, but there can be no reassurance that it will soften soon given the Fed's seeming commitment to continue hiking rates until inflation in the U.S. is tamed and there is the unlikely prospect of the Ukraine war ending anytime soon.

What accentuates India's vulnerability is the fiscal deficit. For all the talk of fiscal consolidation, the combined fiscal deficit of the Centre and the States is still above 10% of GDP, possibly higher if the contingent liabilities, especially of the States, are also brought to the book. It is worth remembering that India's severe balance of payments crisis in 1991 and the near crisis in 2013 were both consequences of fiscal deficits spilling over into the external sector. The twin deficit problem is still very much with us.

Some comfort is seen to be drawn from the fact that this is a global problem, and India is not in it alone; also, that the rupee has fallen much less than most currencies, including hard currencies such as the euro and the pound. That comfort is misplaced. Even if the problem is global, the consequences are domestic. Moreover, India's fiscal situation is more stretched than that of most economies.

Quite justifiably, India has come to look upon its foreign exchange reserves as a buffer against exchange rate pressures. It cannot get too sanguine though. There are many metrics for measuring the adequacy of reserves; one of them is to see them as a ratio of GDP. That ratio which stood at 21% in March 2022 as a proportion of FY22 GDP has since declined to about 17% of expected FY23 GDP, not very much higher than the ratio of below the 15% it had dipped to during the taper tantrums of 2013.

Besides, experience shows that in times of pressure, market perceptions are shaped more by how rapidly the reserves are falling – the 'burn rate' – rather than the absolute level of reserves.

The 'R' word, it seems, is no longer a taboo; recessions in the U.S. and Europe look much more likely today than they did a couple of months ago. How will India's fortunes change if that happens? Much will depend on the depth and the duration of the recessions, but for sure, India's exports, already struggling, will be further hit. On the positive side, the international price of crude will soften and global financial conditions can be expected to ease. How these opposing forces will play off is uncertain, but my hunch is that on a net basis, a recession in advanced economies will hurt the country.

The Russian question, the RBI's actions

In August, the RBI allowed domestic traders to settle their import and export bills in rupees. Although projected as a bold move to internationalise the rupee, it was essentially an effort to enable payments for the crude that India buys from Russia in rupees. That arrangement has not taken off so far; if and when it does, it can save up to $4 billion a month in forex outgo which will be a substantial relief in a trade deficit of $20billion-$25 billion right now.

The RBI has been intervening in the market – selling dollars from its foreign exchange kitty – to defend the rupee. Presumably, the effort is to prevent volatility but not target any specific exchange rate. Experience shows that any attempt to prop up the rupee against fundamentals will be a costly and futile endeavour. All the RBI can – and indeed should – do is to engineer the trajectory of the fall, not prevent the fall itself. There is in fact a good case for the RBI to allow some depreciation of the rupee. The real effective exchange rate (REER) of the rupee, which is a broader measure of its value against the currencies of India's trading partners, is overvalued, suggesting some room for depreciation. If that movement towards equilibrium is allowed, it will support exports, restrain non-oil imports, and help narrow the current account balance.

For sure, a weaker rupee will be inflationary, but the RBI should deal with that with its monetary policy as it already is doing.

We live in a difficult world where macroeconomic management is hostage to global economic conditions. Former U.S. Treasury Secretary John B. Connally famously told his G-10 counterparts in 1971 that "the dollar is our currency, but it's your problem". That is even truer today because of deepened financial globalisation and the continuing hegemony of the dollar.

A decisive shift in the discourse on abortion rights

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Recently, a single woman, residing in Delhi, approached the Delhi High Court seeking permission to terminate her 22-week-old pregnancy. The reason for her wanting a Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) at this stage was a change in her personal circumstances – her partner did not want to support her and the pregnancy any more and she did not want to continue this journey on her own because of her practical realities.

The Delhi High Court refused her permission by referring to the recently amended provisions of the MTP Act, which recognised the need for a request for an MTP by an unmarried woman on the grounds of contraceptive failure; however, this was only till 20 weeks of gestational limit. A change in circumstance was available, as per the law, only for a married woman up to 24 weeks.

The woman filed an appeal before the Supreme Court of India, which in the first instance, granted her permission to terminate the pregnancy based on the report of the medical board concerned. It also heard the case on the aspect of the constitutionality of the classification based on the marital status of a woman that the law, particularly the rules, has created.

Progressive judgment

The day of the judgment started with bits and pieces of information coming in about the Supreme Court judgment on access for termination of pregnancy services for women up to 24 weeks irrespective of their marital status. What was not expected was a judgment keeping the pregnant person at the centre of it despite the law being provider-centric, and to read a judgment that beautifully encapsulates all the concerns that exist about the legal regime on abortion in India. For this, one has to thank the top court of India for providing women a ray of hope.

There are five key aspects of this judgment that need to be shared.

> The Supreme Court of India's judgment has put the spotlight on women and their rights, encapsulating all the concerns that exist about the legal regime on abortion in India

First, it acknowledges the context of criminality in which access to abortion in India is – the Indian Penal Code criminalises accessing and providing an abortion except where there is an immediate necessity to save the life of the pregnant woman, and that the MTP Act is an exception to this criminal offence. This means that any termination of pregnancy that does not fall within the realm of the MTP Act is an offence under the IPC. By doing this, the judgment contextualises the narrow space within which abortion is legalised in the country.

Second, the judgment holds unconstitutional the distinction that the law, through the rules, has made between a married pregnant woman and an unmarried pregnant woman. The judgment basically holds that what is accessible and available for a married pregnant woman should be accessible and available to any pregnant woman, and that a classification based on marital status is fallacious and illegal.

The third aspect is an acknowledgement that a pregnancy which is a result of rape can be one due to forced sexual intercourse within a marriage, and while the issue of marital rape being recognised as an offence is before the Supreme Court, that a pregnancy can be sought to be terminated on the ground of it being as a result of rape by the husband of the pregnant woman must be recognised. In this, the judgment basically reiterates that you cannot make a distinction between a woman who is pregnant because of rape only on the grounds of her marital status. Thereby acknowledging that a distinction made on the basis of marital status where it discriminates against the single woman and where it discriminates against the married woman on the issue of access to abortion is unreasonable.

The fourth aspect is an acknowledgement of concerns with accessing safe and legal MTP services that adolescent girls who have indulged in consensual sexual activity and seeking an abortion face due to the provisions of mandatory reporting to the police as in the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. This judgment clarifies that while the need to report mandatorily remains, the identity of the pregnant person need not be disclosed in the cases of consensual sexual activity and where the minor and/or her guardian request the medical service provider to maintain confidentiality.

The fifth aspect is a recognition of the fact that the law in its current form is non-inclusive and the terminology used is exclusionary. It also recognises the extra-legal requirements that medical practitioners insist upon before providing MTP services, only to safeguard themselves due to the context of criminality.

About rights

Finally, the judgment has created progressive jurisprudence which interprets an otherwise medical law from the point of view of the rights of the persons accessing the services, even though it has not been acknowledged as a right yet, and is conditional. While doing this, the Court has placed a reliance on the various rulings of the Court itself, which have upheld bodily autonomy and the right to dignity and decision making in various aspects.

The Court has also woven in this jurisprudence its reliance on the international commitments and obligations of India in ensuring safe and legal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights that include abortions.

This judgment is a ray of hope and brings to the fore the possibility of the law acknowledging the right of every person capable of becoming pregnant to be able to decide what she thinks is best for her without the need for any third party authorisation, and only supported by medical advice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress election

In the Congress elections in the 1930s, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose triumphed over Mahatma Gandhi's nominee. Though none in the present situation can be compared to the stalwarts of those days, the situation is somewhat similar. What the Congress needs at this hour is a dynamic and independent leader who will be a good communicator and can contest elections that matter. Further, he should be in a position to connect with the middle class and have mass appeal. Between the two candidates in the fray, Shashi Tharoor possesses most of these requirements. This could be the last occasion for the Congress to serve the country if it does not get its act together.

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Chennai

The Gehlot episode in Rajasthan does dent the Congress. Now that a patch up of sorts in its internal turmoil has emerged, this is the ideal time for Congress stalwarts from every State to give a fillip to the ongoing *padayatra*. Apart from showcasing a reconciliation within, their energetic participation should enable the movement to grow across the States.

Regaining cadre strength and energy is the paramount goal — and that entails patience and toil. The tide and the times will eventually throw up the effective leader.

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Court verdict and rights

The Supreme Court's verdict enabling a woman's full rights over her body, irrespective of whether she is married or not, has caused much relief to Indian women. And rightly so, because India is, perhaps, the first country to ensure this, unlike the United States which has taken a regressive step backwards. But while jubilant, women should be wary of the flip side too.

K. Nehru Patnaik,
Visakhapatnam

The verdict may have shown the way ahead but the fact is that issues concerning safe abortion services, easy access to contraceptives, proper implementation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act and better sex education especially in the rural areas, do persist. The Government needs to look into such issues to help address the problems concerning women's reproductive health.

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Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

Corrections & Clarifications

The dates of publication of the reports in the "From the Archives" column (October 3, 2022) were erroneously given as September 3, 1972 and September 3, 1922. They should have been October 3, 1972 and October 3, 1922.

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Is TN's breakfast scheme populist or pertinent?

Is the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' in Tamil Nadu required in a Dravidian welfare model state today or is it yet another populist scheme couched cleverly in the language of welfare of the poor? With a budget outlay of ₹33.5 crore in the initial phase, the new scheme caters to 1,14,095 primary school students from 1,545 government schools. It mainly aims to help students attend school hunger-free and improve their nutritional status.

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Three developments

The scheme stands at the confluence of three sociopolitical developments: a fierce but murky political debate on freebies, falling human development performance, and the educational disruption caused by COVID-19. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin defended the scheme as a responsibility of the state, and not as a freebie, charity or incentive. This distinction is significant as the freebie debate clubs clientelist, populist, welfare-promoting, and human development-enhancing schemes as one and denigrates all of them without distinction. The States have a responsibility to promote welfare and minimise inequalities in income as well as in facilities and opportunities among individuals and groups (Article 38). The freebie debate strategically deploys fiscal burden as a potent tool to possibly constrain States from discharging this responsibility.

The welfare responsibility of the States remains undiminished, especially since India is ranked 71 out of 113 countries on the Global Food Security Index, 101 out of 116 countries on the Global Hunger Index, and 132 out of 191 countries on the Human Development Index. India's mean years of schooling stood at just 6.7 years in 2020-21. Additionally, India has among the highest levels of inequality in education. This corresponds closely with the rising wealth inequality, as brought out by the recent Credit Suisse report.

Despite this dismal record, India's spending in human development-enhancing welfare schemes has been wanting. There is an urgent need for implementing innovative and effective welfare schemes to address the disruptions caused by the pandemic in the education and nutrition sectors and strengthen these sectors. Initiatives such as Illam Thedi Kalvi and Ennum Ezhuthum were positive attempts in the education sector. Since the breakfast scheme is introduced as a first-of-its-kind scheme to address nutritional deficiencies among primary school-going children, it is relevant to look at how T.N. fares.

> The scheme scores well on focus, but whether it will lead to substantial or sustained improvements in nutrition is open to question

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How Tamil Nadu fares

The Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey 2016-18, carried out in May-August 2018 in T.N., shows us the level of undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies among children aged 5-9 years. About 10% of children aged 5-9 years were stunted in 2018, much lower than the all-India average of 22% and marginally lower than Kerala's average (11%). T.N. had a marginally higher level of underweight children (23%) than Kerala (21%), but this was lower than the national average (35%). In T.N., 19% of children were malnourished (BMI for age), which was higher than the 16% in Kerala but lower than the national average (23%). About 10% and 7% were anaemic and deficient in Vitamin A, respectively, whereas 41% were deficient in Vitamin D. While the State's levels were lower than the national average in anaemia and Vitamin A deficiency, but not in Vitamin D deficiency, they were much higher than Kerala's average. T.N.'s performance is relatively good in aspects of nutrition and micronutrient deficiencies among primary school students, but the levels would be higher among children from socioeconomically disadvantaged groups.

To what extent can the new scheme improve nutritional performance and address specific micronutrient deficiencies? The answer depends on the focus and content of the scheme. Since the scheme caters mainly to children from socioeconomically disadvantaged groups, who constitute the major proportion of students at government schools, it scores well on focus and appears pertinent given the huge socioeconomic disparity in the nutritional outcomes of children. But going by the content of the scheme, it seems unlikely that it will bring any substantial or sustained improvements in the above-mentioned aspects of nutrition, especially since T.N. is already doing well in this regard.

Though the scheme has the potential to ensure that children attend classes hunger-free, reliable and representative data on what proportion of them attend school without having breakfast regularly is scarce. Though the State acknowledges that students tend to skip breakfast because of the school timing and their financial situation, it is important to identify which among these is the significant contributor. The present approach does not distinguish between the two.

Nonetheless, the scheme might yield a positive outcome in one important aspect. Studies from other countries suggest that free breakfast schemes might help increase educational outcomes through a likely increase in school attendance and improved concentration on studies. Though T.N. fares quite well overall in NITI Aayog's index on school education quality, its performance in the subcomponent on learning outcomes seems rather wanting.

A Sena versus Sena show of strength

Two Dussehra rallies in Mumbai will test the claims of the rival factions

STATE OF PLAY

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On October 5, two rallies, barely 6 km apart from one another, will test the claims of rival Shiv Sena factions that are in a fierce battle for party founder Bal Thackeray's legacy. If large crowds are an indicator of political legitimacy, the rallies of the rival groups, led by Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, will determine which of them controls the party.

Last month, the Supreme Court let the Election Commission decide which faction is the 'real' Shiv Sena and can use the party's bow and arrow symbol. While the legal battle is not over, party cadre and observers concur that the size of crowds at the Dussehra rallies will settle the issue.

Uddhav Thackeray's strength has been atrophied by desertions of most of his MLAs (40 of 55 have joined Mr. Shinde) and MPs (12 of 18 have shifted sides). The Sena president's hold over his cadre, his last pillar, will be determined by the number of Shiv Sainiks who turn up at for his address at the iconic Shivaji Park in Dadar in Mumbai.

Uddhav Thackeray faces a daunting task. After his father's demise in 2012, the Sena leader has kept up the tradition of 'guiding' the party cadre at the October Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park. This was the place from which Bal Thackeray had launched the Shiv Sena in 1966. Though he lacked his father's political nous and trademark fiery rhetoric, Uddhav Thackeray nonetheless managed to retain hold over his cadre with his barbs and wit. Yet, observers say even at the best of times,

Shivaji Park during Uddhav Thackeray's speeches has never been packed to capacity.

This time, with the Sena split wide open following Mr. Shinde's revolt, observers say Uddhav Thackeray will have to ensure he gathers a crowd that is large enough to populate the byways and roads all the way from the Sena headquarters, Sena Bhavan, to Shivaji Park. The last time such a massive and spontaneous conglomeration of Shiv Sainiks was seen there was after Bal Thackeray's death.

With the Thackeray camp being plagued by desertions, Mr. Shinde's ally, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has lost no time in creating the perception that Uddhav Thackeray will use the cadre of his Maha Vikas Aghadi allies – the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party – to pack his rally. Loyalists of the Thackeray camp have hit back saying Mr. Shinde will use the BJP to populate his rally at the sprawling Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) grounds. As both factions will need help from their allies to cross the finishing line, analysts say it is all a matter of perception.

When nearly a thousand activists and office-bearers, the majority from the fisherfolk community of Aaditya Thackeray's Worli constituency, joined the Shinde camp on Sunday, Mr. Shinde was careful to portray it as a major victory. The entrants were deliberately 'permitted' to make a beeline outside the Chief Minister's official residence. The purpose was to signal that even the Sena cadre were now deserting the allegedly sinking Thackeray ship.

Given that crowds are key to the 'legitimacy' exercise, both Sena factions are straining sinews to pack their respective rallies with people – be it their loyalists or imported cadre. Sources say the Shinde camp has given its ministers, MLAs and district functionaries a 'quota' to gather a crowd of not less than three lakh at the BKC ground, which reportedly has a capacity to hold nearly two lakh people. The Thackeray faction has given its party bearers a 'target' of getting more than two lakh people to spill over from Shivaji Park, which is estimated to have a capacity of holding nearly one lakh people at a time.

State transport and private buses have been commandeered on a massive scale. To give just one example, 10,000 vehicles have been requisitioned by the Shinde faction from Aurangabad district, a Shiv Sena stronghold, to ferry more than 25,000 people. The Thackeray camp has apparently been trying to commandeer 3,000 vehicles to ferry 10,000-15,000 'loyalists'. Aurangabad is a telling instance of 'mass requisition' as the district is now a bastion of both factions. The Sena holds six of the eight Assembly seats there, with the Shinde group holding five and the Thackeray faction holding the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation.

If Uddhav Thackeray manages to get sufficiently large numbers for his rally, it would signal that he still retains a grip over Mumbai and that his faction is likely to pose a stiff challenge to Mr. Shinde and the BJP in the high-stakes Brihanmumbai Corporation polls. Until then, both Sena 'tigers' await the roar of crowds.

Deaths, inaccuracies and statistics: The case of the SRS

India's total death rate remained constant in 2020, even as male and female death rates increased

DATA POINT

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Counting the dead is a daunting task, especially in India. The country accounts for roughly 17% of the deaths worldwide, but still doesn't have a system that can accurately count the number of deaths. While the Civil Registration System (CRS) and the Sample Registration System (SRS) measure mortality, both come with their own limitations.

The CRS is a record of vital events such as birth, death and stillbirth at the place of occurrence. But not all deaths are registered in India and a significant number is recorded beyond the prescribed time limit of 21 days. The SRS is a large-scale survey that provides an estimate of the death rate or the number of deaths per 1,000 population. While the SRS is considered far more reliable, reports state that in several States, the registered deaths exceed the estimates provided by the SRS.

The release of the SRS Statistical Report 2020 in September has yet again raised questions about India's mortality estimates. The report states that the death rate was 6.0 per 1,000 in 2020. In a year affected by the pandemic, the estimated death rate remained unchanged from 6.0 in 2019.

By contrast, the CRS showed that India had an estimated 8.2 lakh excess deaths in 2020. Excess deaths were calculated as the difference between the registered deaths in 2020 and the average number of deaths registered in 2018 and 2019. The deaths were 5.5 times the official COVID-19 death toll recorded in 2020. **Table 1** lists the State-wise average number of registered deaths in 2018 and 2019, deaths in 2020, excess deaths, official COVID-19 deaths and the undercount factor for 2020. States such as Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal had a high burden of excess mortality, but when compared with the official COVID-19 toll, Bihar, Assam and Madhya Pradesh had the highest undercount factor. There are issues with the CRS numbers as well – some States such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have historically lower registration rates compared to other States. In Uttar Pradesh, in particular, there was a sudden drop in registered deaths in 2020.

While the CRS shows excess mortality, the SRS, which is also used to assess the completeness of registration in the CRS, failed to capture this despite an increase in the death rate of males and females. As per 'Table 13: Annual estimates of Death rate by sex, India and bigger States/UTs, 2015-20' of the SRS, the death rate rose from 6.5 to 6.6 in 2020 for males and from 5.0 to 5.4 for females. However, the total death rate remained 6.0. Similar inconsistencies were observed in States such as Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Himachal Pradesh. All three recorded a fall in the total death rate in 2020 even as the death rates of males and females showed a rise. In Himachal Pradesh, for instance, the death rate of males jumped from 7.1 to 8.1 and for females, it rose from 3.9 to 5.5, but the total death rate declined from 6.9 to 6.8 in 2020. In Karnataka, the death rate remained constant even as the female death rate rose significantly in 2020. **Table 2** shows the State-wise total, male and female death rates in 2019 and 2020.

The other glaring inconsistency lies in the SRS's estimate of the female death rate in 2020. While the figures in the detailed table on page 301 show a rise, a chart on page 'xxii' shows that the female death rate declined in 2020. **Chart 3,** which depicts the total, male and female death rates, is a replica of the chart presented in the report.

The inconsistencies in death estimates provided by the report call into question the accuracy and quality of the SRS report and further complicate the exercise to estimate the COVID-19 death toll.

Inconsistencies in SRS mortality estimates

The tables and charts show the mortality estimates from two different sources — the Central Registration System and the Sample Registration System. There are several inconsistencies in the recently released SRS Statistical Report 2020. According to the report, India's death rate in 2020 remained unchanged even as male and female death rates rose. Yet, another chart from the same report also depicts declining female death rates, showing glaring inconsistencies in data.

Table 1 : The table lists the State-wise average number of registered deaths in 2018 and 2019, deaths registered in 2020, excess deaths, official COVID-19 deaths and the undercount factor for 2020

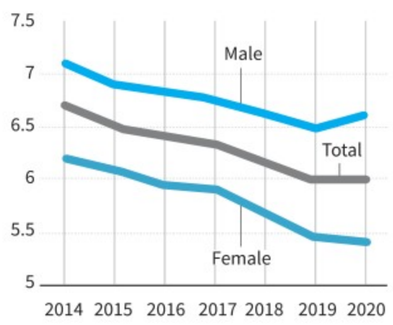
State	Avg. deaths	2020 deaths	Excess deaths	COVID-19 toll	UF
India	73.0	81.2	8,20,041	1,49,018	5.5
Bihar	2.9	4.3	1,38,378	1,397	99.1
Mah	6.8	8.1	1,27,933	49,521	2.6
W.B.	5.2	6.1	85,602	9,712	8.8
T.N.	6.0	6.9	83,261	12,122	6.9
Gujarat	4.5	5.2	76,122	4,306	17.7
Andhra	3.9	4.6	66,376	7,108	9.3
M.P.	4.6	5.2	65,662	3,606	18.2
Karnataka	5.0	5.5	55,761	12,090	4.6
Assam	1.5	1.9	34,254	1,045	32.8
Rajasthan	4.5	4.8	29,907	2,696	11.1
Odisha	3.4	3.6	27,109	1,926	14.1
Haryana	1.9	2.1	24,862	2,905	8.6
Telangana	1.8	2.0	20,716	1,541	13.4
Punjab	2.1	2.3	15,707	5,341	2.9
Chh	1.8	1.9	9,058	3,371	2.7
Jha	1.1	1.2	7,986	1,030	7.8
Himachal	0.4	0.4	1,716	922	1.9
Delhi	1.5	1.4	-2,620	10,536	-0.2
Kerala	2.6	2.5	-13,566	3,073	-4.4
U.P.	9.3	8.7	-52,206	8,352	-6.3

The average number of deaths and deaths registered in 2020 are in lakh. UF stands for undercount factor. Mah stands for Maharashtra, Chh is Chhattisgarh and Jha is Jharkhand. For the detailed table, please view the story online.

Table 2 : The table shows the State-wise total, male and female death rates in 2019 and 2020. DR in the table below stands for death rates.

	DR 2019	DR 2020	Male DR 2019	Male DR 2020	Female DR 2019	Female DR 2020
India	6	6	6.5	6.6	5	5.4
M.P.	6.6	6.5	7	7.2	5.6	5.8
Assam	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.7	5.2	5.8
Andhra	6.4	6.3	7.1	7.1	4.8	5.6
Himachal	6.9	6.8	7.1	8.1	3.9	5.5
Karnataka	6.2	6.2	7.1	7.1	4.6	5.3
Rajasthan	5.7	5.6	6	6.3	4.9	4.9
Bihar	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.4
Chhattisgarh	7.3	7.9	7.7	8.6	6.2	7.2
Delhi	3.2	3.6	3.8	4	3.2	3.1
Gujarat	5.6	5.6	6	6.2	5.2	4.9
Haryana	5.9	6.1	6.6	7.1	4.8	5
J&K	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.5	4	3.7
Jharkhand	5.3	5.2	5.6	5	4.4	5.5
Kerala	7.1	7	7.1	8.3	7.2	5.9
Mah	5.4	5.5	6.2	6.1	4.4	4.8
Odisha	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.9	5.8	6.8
Punjab	6.6	7.2	8	7.9	4.7	6.3
T.N.	6.1	6.1	7.4	7.1	4.9	5.1
Telangana	6.1	6	7.2	6.6	4.3	5.3
U.P.	6.5	6.5	6.9	6.7	5.3	6.2
Uttarakhand	6	6.3	6.4	7	5.1	5.5
W.B.	5.3	5.5	5.2	6.2	5.5	4.7

Chart 3 : The chart depicts the total, male and female death rates as shown in the report



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 4, 1972

Sri Lanka to buy Indian films again

Madras, Oct. 3: Sri Lanka will purchase 40 to 60 Indian films, ending a virtual one-year-old stalement in the motion picture trade between the two countries. Negotiations in this connection have almost been finalised following the visit of a three-member delegation from Sri Lanka, which stayed in Madras for ten days, met producers, witnessed several pictures and held discussions with the Industry's representatives. Sri Lanka had been a traditional market for Indian films and India's foreign exchange earnings had ranged form Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 60 lakhs. The import of Indian films into Sri Lanka is now channelised through the State-owned Film Corporation. There has been no import of Indian films by Sri Lanka from the beginning of this year. Speaking at a reception given by the Film Producers Guild of South India here to-day, the leader of the delegation, Mr. L. Priyasena, Chairman of the State Film Corporation of Sri Lanka, said the Corporation, formed recently with a capital of Rs. 10 millions, was new to the business and had hence to be cautious in its dealings. The Corporation could not afford to take risks in the initial stages. He urged the Indian producers to bear with them for some time. "We need your films to service our theatres but remember our difficulties," he said. Dr. D.B. Nihalsingha, General Manager of the Corporation, said that in future, Sri Lanka said would make regular purchases of Indian films.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 4, 1922

Madania Conference

Constantinople, Oct. 3: The British, French and Italian Generals departed for Mudania last evening. Greek representatives will arrive tomorrow. It is expected that the Conference will last 24 hours, and both Allied and Turkish circles here are optimistic as to the outcome of it. It is announced that Allied Generals, will propose that Allied contingents should gradually occupy East Thrace as the Greeks evacuate and agree on the installation of a Turkish administration and Turkish Gendarmerie. The question of Chanak Zone will be discussed by the British and Turkish Generals alone. A further slight withdrawal of Turkish cavalry before Chanak lines is announced to-day but the Turks are still let within the Neutral zone.

From Page One

Party doesn't endorse either candidate: Cong.

The CEA's note is significant against the backdrop of Mr. Kharge being labelled as an "establishment candidate" while Mr. Tharoor is viewed as the challenger of "status quo" in the party.

On Sunday, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, one of the proposers of Mr. Kharge, had described Mr. Tharoor as an "elite" and predicted a one-sided election in favour of Mr. Kharge. The Congress party, technically, has been holding organisational elections at regular intervals but for the past 22 years, there has never been a contest for the top post and it has remained with the Gandhi family. The last election was in November 2000, in which party chief Sonia Gandhi had defeated her rival Jitendra Prasada. Gearing up for the October 17 polling, the CEA document stressed that it is the duty of poll officials such as the Pradesh Returning Officers (PRO) of every State unit or the Pradesh Congress Committees (PCCs) to ensure that polling is done in an orderly manner and ensure that "the election is fairly conducted".

"I welcome this announcement by @INCIndia Chief Election Authority on the party's presidential elections," tweeted Mr. Tharoor, adding that he had resigned as the chief of Professionals' Congress last month.

Swedish scientist gets medicine Nobel prize

This included the time when modern humans and Neanderthals diverged as a species, determined to be around 8,00,000 years ago, said Anna Wedell, chair of the Nobel Committee. "Mr. Paabo and his team also surprisingly found that gene flow had occurred from Neanderthals to Homo sapiens, demonstrating that they had children together during periods of co-existence," she said. This transfer of genes between hominin species affects how the immune system of modern humans reacts to infections, such as the coronavirus. People outside Africa have 1-2% of Neanderthal genes.

Mr. Paabo and his team also managed to extract DNA from a tiny finger bone found in a cave in Siberia, leading to the recognition of a new species of ancient humans they called Denisovans. Ms. Wedell described this as "a sensational discovery" that subsequently showed Neanderthals and Denisovan to be sister groups which split from each other around 6,00,000 years ago. Denisovan genes have been found in up to 6% of modern humans in Asia and southeast Asia, indicating that interbreeding occurred there too.

"By mixing with them after migrating out of Africa, homo sapiens picked up sequences that improved their chances to survive in their new environments," Ms. Wedell said.

IAF scrambles jets after bomb scare on Iranian flight over Indian sky

The threat came while the plane, bound for China, was transiting through Indian airspace in Chandigarh. The issue was resolved after a message from Tehran to 'disregard the bomb scare'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) were scrambled on Monday after a bomb scare was reported on board a China-bound Iranian airline transiting through Indian air space. The issue was resolved after a message from Tehran to "disregard the bomb scare", following which the aircraft continued on its journey, the IAF said in a statement.

"IAF fighter aircraft were scrambled, which followed the aircraft at a safe distance," the statement said. The aircraft was offered the option to land at Jaipur and then at Chandigarh, but the pilot declared his unwillingness to divert the flight to either of the two airports, the IAF said. "After a while, intimation was received from Tehran to disregard the bomb scare," the IAF said.

Under surveillance: The aircraft was under a close radar of the government agencies, say officials. FILE PHOTO

Jaideep Prasad, Joint Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, told *The Hindu* that around 8.50 a.m. on Monday, information was received at the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower in Delhi, from the ATC, Tehran, via Lahore, that there was a bomb threat for the Iranian plane flying from Tehran to Guangzhou.

"The information was shared with the pilot, who was preparing to land in Delhi. But soon Tehran informed via ATC, Lahore that the bomb call was a hoax. The situation was cleared in 15 minutes," he said. The official added that it is up to the pilot to decide where he wants to land based on a safety assessment and fuel.

Remove ads of online betting, Centre tells TV channels, websites

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> The concerned betting platforms, and the corresponding news websites, are also not registered with any legal authority under Indian laws
> **I&B MINISTRY**

The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry on Monday advised online news websites, OTT platforms and private TV channels to refrain from publishing or broadcasting advertisements of online betting platforms or any surrogate product depicting them.

Stating that any violation might invite penal action, the Ministry said despite its advisory dated June 13, some online offshore betting platforms had started using news websites as surrogate products to advertise on TV channels. It pointed out that betting and gambling were illegal in most parts of India, and therefore advertisements of betting platforms could not be shown.

"In respect of the advertisements of the surrogate news websites operated by the online betting platforms, it may be mentioned that the logos of the concerned news websites are strikingly similar to the betting platform. The concerned betting platforms, and the corresponding news websites, are also not registered with any legal authority under Indian laws," said the Ministry.

The Consumer Affairs Department has said that such companies had been advertising themselves as professional sports blogs and sports news sites.

MEA denies nod to RJD MP Manoj Jha for seminar in Pak.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday denied political clearance to RJD MP Manoj K. Jha to visit Pakistan for delivering a lecture on "Role of political parties in upholding democratic rights" at the fourth Asma Jahangir Conference scheduled for October 22 and 23.

Mr. Jha had received a joint invitation from the Asma Jahangir Foundation, the AGHS Legal Aid Cell, Pakistan Bar Council and the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan. MPs are required to seek political clearance from the MEA and clearance under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, to accept foreign hospitality from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The MEA sent a one-line reply: "Ministry of External Affairs has examined the proposal. Clearance from political angle is declined."

"It is deeply unfortunate that I was denied permission. I wanted to participate in the seminar out of respect for Asma Jahangir," Mr. Jha told *The Hindu*.

Garba is an emotion

All in a happy mood: A girl performing Garba dance, a traditional dance form in Gujarat, during the seventh day of the Navaratri celebration in Ahmedabad on Sunday. VIJAY SONEJI

Induction of indigenously built Light Combat Helicopter marks a new chapter: Air chief

Dinakar Peri
JODHPUR

Induction of the indigenously designed and developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) adds unique capability to the combat potential of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and marks a new chapter, said Air Chief Marshal (ACM) V. R. Chaudhari on Monday as the twin-engine helicopter was formally inducted into the 143 Helicopter Unit 'Dhanush' at the Jodhpur Air Force Station.

"The induction of LCH underlines the fact that just as the country trusts the IAF, the IAF equally trusts the indigenous equipment," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who presided over the induction ceremony.

Lethal weapon: A water cannon salute being given to 'Prachand' in Jodhpur on Monday. PTI

Stating that the LCH met the requirements of modern warfare and necessary quality parameters under varied conditions of operations, Mr. Singh said it fully met the requirements of both the Army and the Air Force.

The Army had formally received its first LCH in Bengaluru last week.

High altitudes

The twin-engine LCH, designed and developed by HAL, is a 5-8 tonne class dedicated combat helicopter. It was conceptualised after the 1999 Kargil conflict when the need for such a dedicated platform capable of operating in high altitudes was felt. It is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 m (16,400 ft) with considerable load of weapons and fuel significantly augmenting the firepower of the IAF and the Army in high altitude areas.

The helicopter has a combat radius of 500 km and go up to a service ceiling of 21,000 feet which makes it ideal to operate at high altitude areas of the Siachen glacier.

Speaking at the event, C.B. Ananthakrishnan, Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL), said four LCH had been delivered to the IAF and four more would be delivered within this financial year.

The contract for 10 Limited Series Production (LSP) helicopters was signed between the IAF and the HAL on March 30 and the 143 Helicopter Unit 'Dhanush' which is operating the LCH was raised on June 1.

Extensive testing

The first prototype of the helicopter took first flight on March 29, 2010, and has since undergone extensive testing and evaluation. The LCH is armed with 20 mm nose gun, 70 mm rockets, anti-tank guided missile 'Dhruvastra' and air-to-air missile 'Mistral-2' of MBDA which has a maximum interception range of 6.5 km.

Yunqing Tang bags SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2022 for her contribution in maths

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022 will be awarded to Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor with the University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.

The award, instituted by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) in 2005 with a cash prize of $10,000, is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who made outstanding contributions in the field of mathematics, influenced by Srinivasa Ramanjuan in a broad sense.

A release by Krishnaswami Alladi, chair of SASTRA Ramanujan Prize Committee, said Ms. Yunqing's works "display a remarkable combination of sophisticated techniques, in which the arithmetic and geometry of modular curves and of Shimura varieties play a central role, and her results and methods are bound to have major impact on future research in this area."

It said, "Tang's most recent joint work with Frank Calegari and Vesselin Dimitrov on modular equations is of great significance and also has ties with Ramanujan's own work."

Ms. Yunqing, born in China, completed her B.Sc in Peking University in 2011, following which she went to Harvard University. She completed her Ph.D in 2016 at Harvard under the supervision of Mark Kisin. After stints in Princeton University, she joined UC Berkeley in July as Assistant Professor.

The prize will be awarded at the International Conference on Number Theory during December 20-22, at SASTRA University.

The prize committee included Don Blasius, University of California, Los Angeles; Dan Goldston, San Jose State University; Ken Ono, University of Virginia; Jonathan Pila, Oxford University; Zeev Rudnick, Tel Aviv University; and Cam Stewart, University of Waterloo.

Security tightened in J&K ahead of Amit Shah's two-day tour

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A non-local bank manager escaped unhurt in a militant attack in Baramulla district on Monday as Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived for a two-day visit to J&K. Meanwhile, security across the Union Territory, especially where migrant workers reside, has been beefed up.

Officials said a bank manager of the J&K Grameen Bank was fired upon in Goushbugh, Pattan, in north Kashmir's Baramulla. Security forces, later, inspected the site where the manager was attacked. Mr. Shah will address a public rally on October 5.

Shah's visit brings hopes for Paharis, unnerves ST groups

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

As the BJP's latest moves aim to earn the goodwill of Gujjars and Paharis in Jammu & Kashmir ahead of the Assembly elections, all eyes are on Union Home Minister Amit Shah's two-day visit to the Union Territory. "Mr. Shah's visit will bring a new dawn. Thousands of people are expected to participate in the rallies. We are hopeful that the Schedule Tribe demand of Paharis, a wound festering for the past seven decades, will also be addressed," Abdul Hamid Bhat, BJP's general secretary in Baramulla, said.

The Pahari community, a linguistic group mainly residing in the Pir Panjal valley comprising Rajouri and Poonch districts, are expecting a major push to their demand to be included in Schedule Tribe (ST) list from the Minister. Paharis are also spread in parts of the Kashmir Valley. The move seems to be aimed at building on goodwill among smaller Muslim communities in the J&K.

Earlier this year, the Centre nominated Gulam Ali Khatana, a Gujjar Muslim from J&K, to the Rajya Sabha seat. If Schedule Tribe status is granted to Paharis, the BJP is likely to expand goodwill from the Pir Panjal valley with seven Assembly segments. Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis are non-Kashmiri speaking population of J&K. Paharis also comprise both Hindus and Muslims unlike Bakerwals and Gujjars, two prominent nomadic clans.

Many senior leaders, including former Deputy Chief Minister Muzaffar Hussian Baig and National Conference's Aijaz Jan, have also urged the Mr. Shah to grant Schedule Tribe status to Paharis.

"I appeal to people to participate and join the rally of Shah *sahib*. His visit is a welcome sign. People should make it a success and place their demands before him for justice," Mr. Baig, former MP, said.

Mr. Jan said the anger, fuelled by abrogation of special provisions of Article 370 and 35A, will be diluted to some extent if ST status is granted to Paharis. "We are hopeful of a full-fledged ST status for Paharis. The rally in Rajouri will be a Paharis clan's rally. Gujjars should not get unnerved, their reservations should be kept intact," Mr. Jan said.

Meanwhile, scores of students belonging to the Gujjar and Bakerwal communities protested against any move to grant ST status to Paharis in Jammu. At present, there is 10% reservation in jobs for STs in J&K. "We will not accept any step to grant ST status to Paharis. It will cause an identity crisis. ST status is not granted on the basis of linguistics. We warn against diluting the 10% reservation of Gujjars and Bakerwals," a student said.

The last date for filing the nominations for the bypolls will be October 14.

Assembly bypolls in six States in November: EC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday announced byelections to seven vacant Assembly seats in six States to be held in November.

Voting will take place on November 3 and counting on November 6, according to the EC.

Bypolls will be held in Andheri East in Maharashtra, Mokama and Gopalganj in Bihar, Adampur in Haryana, Munogode in Telangana, Gola Gokrannath in Uttar Pradesh and Dhamnagar in Odisha.

According to the EC schedule, the notification for the bypolls would be issued on Friday and the last date for nominations would be October 14.

Govt. likely to lift AFSPA in four States only after a Naga political solution

On September 30, the Union Home Ministry extended the Act in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland for another six months; it has been in force in areas of Assam and Manipur too

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The uncertainty around the culmination of the Naga peace process is one of the reasons that led to the Armed Forces (Special) Powers Act (AFSPA) being retained in some parts of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, according to government officials.

Effective April 1, the Union Home Ministry and the State governments had considerably reduced "disturbed areas" in Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. The AFSPA was applicable in the whole of Nagaland and Assam till March 31.

Under Section 3 of the Act, the State governments and the Ministry have concurrent powers to notify areas under the AFSPA. In Assam, the Ministry was issuing the "disturbed area" order till 2017. Since then, Assam has been renewing the notification every six months, the latest one issued on March 31. On September 30, the Ministry extended the AFSPA in parts of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh for six months.

Special access: The Act gives unbridled powers to the armed forces to kill or arrest anyone acting in contravention of law. PTI

The Act gives unbridled powers to the armed forces to kill anyone acting in contravention of law, arrest and search any premises without a warrant and protection from prosecution and legal suits without the Central government's sanction.

"In Assam, the AFSPA has been retained in areas that are adjacent to the Nagaland border. In Nagaland, there is an ongoing peace process and once it is culminated, we will be able to further reduce the areas under the special Act," G.P. Singh, Special Director-General of Police, Assam told *The Hindu*.

The Centre is engaged in discussions with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) and seven Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) to find a solution to the Naga political issue.

When the AFSPA was first revoked from 60% of Assam on April 1, the State in 2020 and 2021 witnessed a surge in number of surrendered weapons and number of militants who were arrested. In 2020 and 2021, the number of arrested militants stood at 146 and 216 respectively, while the weapons surrendered were 342 and 432 in the same period. Till September this year, 131 militants were arrested and 83 weapons surrendered.

The official said the special statutory power was removed as violence had come down.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh told *The Hindu* that after revocation of the AFSPA from some parts in Manipur, 78 militants had joined the mainstream. He said most militant groups in the State had signed suspension of operations agreement with the government.

Congress targets Modi govt. over continuation of Ajay Mishra as Union Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi tweets saying farmers' agitation was an inspiration for Bharat Jodo Yatra

On the first anniversary of the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, the Congress on Monday targeted the Narendra Modi government over the continuation of Ajay Mishra Teni as a Union Minister as his son, Ashish Mishra, is allegedly involved in the mowing down of farmers who were protesting against the three farm laws.

Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary for communication, while launching an app of Bharat Jodo Yatra, claimed that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is nervous by the wave of support for the 3,570-km-long *padyatra*.

"Nothing can be more insulting than the fact that farmers agitating against the black laws were deliberately killed while the culprit remains a member of the Union Council of Ministers," Mr. Ramesh told presspersons at a press conference.

"There was clear evidence that the Minister's son was involved in the killing," he added.

Mr. Ashish was arrested in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case after his SUV ploughed into the protesting farmers in the district in which four farmers and four others, including two BJP workers, were killed.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra both took to Twitter to target the Modi government over the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.

"One year has passed but the farmer martyrs of Lakhimpur Kheri didn't get justice. Reason is the same: everytime the BJP protects the culprits. When we started the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the farmers' agitation was a big inspiration. Our struggle won't end without ensuring justice for *annadatas*," tweeted Mr. Gandhi.

Mr. Ramesh said that the farmers' issues were being taken up at the Bharat Jodo Yatra on Monday and he even extended support to the farmers' organisation, Samyukta Kisan Morcha, in pursuing their demands.

Responding to a question from a BJP Rajya Sabha member, Lahar Singh Siroya, on whether naxals/maoists are part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Ramesh said such claims are completely 'bogus'.

"The BJP is nervous with the *lehar* (wave) of support that the Bharat Jodo Yatra is receiving. Every effort will be made to derail the *yatra* but the Congress will continue with its efforts," the Congress communication chief said.

Mr. Ramesh claimed that popular support to the *yatra* has rattled the BJP and slammed the Enforcement Directorate's summons to Karnataka Congress president D.K. Shivakumar in the National Herald case as continuation of the government's "vendetta politics".

Lauding Mr. Gandhi's speech in Mysuru, Mr. Ramesh said that Mr. Gandhi addressing a gathering on Sunday evening amid a heavy downpour was a 'defining moment' during the *padyatra*.

The Congress leader also informed the presspersons that party chief Sonia Gandhi will be joining the *yatra* on October 6 for a brief while as the *yatra* is on a two-day break on Tuesday and Wednesday for Dasara.

INBRIEF

Uddhav aide likely to join Eknath Shinde's camp

In a major setback to Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, his closest aide and party's secretary Milind Narvekar is likely to desert the former to join Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's camp. Mr. Narvekar, a long-time confidant of the Thackeray family, continues to maintain a good rapport with Mr. Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis (both in photo), even after the split in the party. Though an active member of the camp, it is said that Mr. Narvekar have not met Mr. Thackeray or visit Matoshree, the private residence of Thackerays in Bandra-East in Mumbai, for quite a long time after Mr. Thackeray reportedly distanced himself from the former. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Narvekar said that he does not want to say anything about his move. He neither denied nor confirmed his political affiliation.

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship deadline extended

The Union government's Ministry of Education has extended the deadline for submission of applications for the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship scheme for 2022-23 from September 30 to October 15. The scholarships are awarded to meritorious students of economically weaker sections from Class 9 every year. One lakh fresh scholarships are awarded to selected students for studying in State government, government-aided and local body schools. The amount of scholarship is ₹12,000 per annum.

Students whose parental income from all sources is not more than ₹3,50,000 per annum are eligible to avail the scholarships. The students must have at least 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class 7 examination for appearing in the selection test.

BJP trying to win back OBC leaders before 2024 Lok Sabha election

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

A serious effort is under way on behalf of the BJP's central leadership to win back Other Backward Class (OBC) leaders into the party fold, after a significant number of them left to join the Samajwadi Party (SP) just before the 2022 Assembly election.

The measure is aimed at bolstering the party's ranks before the 2024 Lok Sabha election and recapturing the entire non-Yadav OBC space.

Senior sources in the BJP confirmed to *The Hindu* that channels of communication had been opened with several of these leaders, and also leaders of parties who had been allies of the BJP in the past and represented specific caste groups.

Leaders like Swami Prasad Maurya, Dara Singh Chauhan, Dharam Singh Saini, Madhuri Verma, Vinay Shakya and others left the BJP in the run-up to the 2022 Uttar Pradesh election and crossed over to the Samajwadi Party.

New equations: Several leaders had left the BJP in the run-up to the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election and crossed over to the Samajwadi Party. FILE PHOTO

The SP had realised that the BJP's capture of non-Yadav OBC votes in the 2014, 2017 and 2019 polls had left the Akhilesh Yadav-led party with only Yadavs and Muslims, denting the party's strength in the State.

"The number of sitting MLAs that the BJP wanted to drop from the candidate list was curbed, despite their unpopularity as any rebel candidate would have shattered equations seat per seat. The party had to really work hard to woo back angry party workers who had wanted a change in the candidate list. Now, in the run-up to 2024, we want all the communities from whom we gained support in 2019 to be back in the fold," said a senior leader.

The outreach is being led by the central leadership of the party and not the Uttar Pradesh unit, and sources said that feelers have also gone out to Om Prakash Rajbhar, leader of the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP).

The OBCs make up nearly 40% of the vote in Uttar Pradesh and the BJP's success in the State has been attributed to the way it has been able to shore up support among non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits in the State.

With alliances with the Apna Dal (led by Union minister Anupriya Patel) and previously with the SBSP, the 2019 poll saw the NDA receiving 51.19% of the vote and register a big victory despite the alliance between the SP and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

CPWD withdraws tender for PM residence project

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

'Administrative reasons' cited for withdrawal as tender gets cancelled for second time

Two days after it invited bids for the construction of the Prime Minister's Residence, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on Monday withdrew the tender, citing "administrative reasons".

This is the second time the CPWD cancelled the tender for the ₹360-crore project, with the first being in July.

The CPWD had invited pre-qualification bids from construction companies on October 1 and set October 14 as the day for the opening of bids. The CPWD would have then invited the qualified bidders to submit financial bids, based on which a contractor would have been chosen.

The CPWD had first floated the tender for the project on July 18. However, it was withdrawn on July 22 citing the same "administrative reasons".

The project, proposed to be built adjacent to the Rashtrapati Bhavan and South Block on Dara Shikoh Road, is part of the government's Central Vista redevelopment plan. The new official residence of the Prime Minister was estimated to cost ₹360 crore for the construction and maintenance for five years and would take 21 months to complete, the now-cancelled tender said.

The CPWD's bid document said the site was in a "highly secured zone". "The proposed buildings shall be of reinforced cement concrete framed structure building. The existing structures in Blocks A & B are to be demolished before the start of new construction," it said.

Mann wins confidence motion

Press Trust of India
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Assembly on Monday "unanimously" passed the confidence motion moved by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on September 27, even as the Congress members staged a walkout.

The BJP members had already announced to boycott the Assembly session.

After discussion, Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan put it to vote. Announcing the results, Mr. Sandhwan said 91 AAP MLAs supported the motion.

No Congress, BJP or Independent MLA was present in the House at the time of voting.

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This is with reference to the Recruitment Notification Advertisement No. NIFTEM-T/ Director/2022/1 dated 23.09.2022 inviting applications for the post of Director, NIFTEM – Thanjavur.
It is hereby informed that the following clause/criteria has been amended as per the approved statutes of NIFTEM-Thanjavur and may read as follows:

Advertised clause/criteria	Amended clause/criteria
Para-1 "The applicant shall be a distinguished academician with Ph.D or equivalent having at least fifteen years teaching or research experience in the field of Food Science, Technology & Management, and shall have worked as a full Professor at a reputed institution for at least seven years; or shall have food industry experience at a higher level for at least fifteen years."	Para-1 "The applicant shall be a distinguished academic holding a Doctorate degree in Food Science, Technology and Food and Agri-business Management or equivalent having at least fifteen years of teaching or research experience in the said field and shall have worked as a full-time Professor of a recognised Institute for at least seven years; or shall have Food Industry experience at a higher level for at least fifteen years, with administrative experience."

Registrar

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

On 13.09.2022 based on the information given by K. P. Balakrishna Panicker, Station Manager of Ernakulam North Railway Station, reported that a man aged around 60 years was hanged in coach number SLR SC 124083 of T No.17229 of Sabari Express, reached platform no. 1 at 11.24 hours, and brought the hanged man to the Ernakulam General Hospital. The duty Medical Officer examined him and confirmed death. A case has registered in Ernakulam Railway Police Station as **Cr. 120/2022, U/s 174 CrPC** and is under investigation .
Identification Marks: Height 169 cm, bicolor, green tattoo on right wrist. A black mole on the right side of the abdomen. Wearing Kavi Colour dhothi and red sleeveless round neck shirt. A Rudraksha is worn on a white string around the neck.

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Farmer leaders come together at Kheri

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Farmer leaders assembled on Monday at Tikunia in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, to mark the first anniversary of the violence that resulted in the death of eight people. They renewed their demand for the sacking of Union Minister and Kheri's Lok Sabha member Ajay Mishra Teni.

The farmer leaders alleged that the ruling dispensation was responsible for the delay in justice. The families of the victims are still struggling, said Rakesh Tikait, a leader of the Bharatiya Kisan Union.

"In August, we organised a protest and put our demand forward, but nothing happened. The Minister needs to be sacked immediately. We will keep fighting for justice against the autocratic regime," he said.

MAHATMA GANDHI
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Advt. No. 01/MGPGI/Estt./E1/2022-2023 Date : 3 OCT 2022

RECRUITMENT OF TEACHING FACULTIES ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS IN THE SPECIALITY OF PEDIATRIC & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY, MGPGIDS - NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for appointment of Teaching Faculties on Contractual Basis in the speciality of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry in Mahatma Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry. For detailed information, visit our websites **https://mgpgi.py.gov.in** and **https://mgpgi.edu.in**

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No.301/DIP/AD(Press)/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT
E-TENDER NOTICE IFB No: NHP/TSGW/2022-23/APT/8256

Following online tender is invited by the Ground Water Department, Govt. of Telangana from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB).

Details:	Important Dates:
Procurement of Non Consultancy Services under National Competitive Bidding for "Determination of Aquifer Parameters by Conducting Pumping and Slug Tests on Bore Wells, Analysis and Interpretation of Test Data in Telangana"	**Start Date of Download:** 05/10/2022 (10.30 hrs) **Date of Pre-bid Meeting:** 15/10/2022(11.30 hrs) **Last Date of Submission:** 10/11/2022(15.00 hrs)

The details of IFB will be available on https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app (Tender Id No. 2022_GWDTS_715993_1), https://gwd.telangana.gov.in and http://nhp.mowr.gov.in websites.
Sd/- Director & Nodal Officer, NHP, Ground Water Department
DIPR R.O. No. : 763-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23, Date: 03-10-2022

INBRIEF

All India Radio to air year-long voter awareness campaign

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday launched a year-long voter awareness series with All India Radio. The radio series will have 52 episodes of 15 minutes each, broadcast during the 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. slot starting this Friday, the ECI said in a statement. The episodes will cover voter registration, ethical voting, model code of conduct, EVMs and other election-related topics. While launching the series, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the episodes would be a combination of entertainment and information, and address urban apathy. Mr. Kumar announced that actor Pankaj Tripathi, who was present at the event in New Delhi, would be a national icon for the ECI.

500 mail express trains speeded up in new timetable

In the Railways' new timetable, about 500 mail express trains have been speeded up and they will now reach their destinations 10 to 70 minutes faster, the Railway Ministry said on Monday. In addition, 130 services (65 pairs of trains) have been converted to the "superfast" category, it said. Overall, the average speed of all trains has increased by about 5% leading to availability of nearly 5% additional paths for operation of more trains, the statement elaborated. The punctuality of mail express trains during t 2022-23 is about 84%, which is about 9% more than the punctuality of about 75% achieved during 2019-20, it said. PTI

Gandhiji's lookalike as *Asur* at Durga Puja pandal sparks row

After outrage erupted over the depiction of an idol bearing resemblance to Mahatma Gandhi as *Asur* (demon) at a Durga Puja Pandal organised by All India Hindu Mahasabha, the Kolkata Police intervened and changed its look. Asked about the reason for an objectionable depiction of the Father of the Nation, Chandrachur Goswami, working president of the West Bengal State unit of All India Hindu Mahasabha, told *The Hindu*, "Yes, the *Asur* had physical similarities with Gandhiji. There is nothing called Father of Nation and we do not consider Gandhi as Father of the Nation."

E-nuggets money laundering case: ED freezes ₹5.59 crore

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has frozen the account balance of ₹5.59 crore belonging to accused Aamir Khan and his accomplices in connection with the money laundering probe related to the mobile gaming application, E-nuggets, taking the total amount so far to about ₹36.96 crore. The ED probe is based on a First Information Report (FIR) registered in February 2021 by the Park Street police station in Kolkata against Aamir and others. Earlier, the ED had seized ₹17.32 crore in cash from Aamir's residential premises and then Bitcoins worth about ₹13.56 crore and other cryptocurrencies valued ₹47.64 lakh were frozen.

MGNREGS to fund work to reverse desertification of land across the States

The employment scheme will work in tandem with the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana to help take up treatment of about 30% more land than feasible with the current scheme size

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

With limited funds to deal with the gargantuan task of restoring degraded land and reversing desertification in the country, the government is now planning to bring convergence between the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

According to the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas published by the Environment Ministry in 2021, at least 30% of India's total geographical area is under the category of "degraded land".

Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Goa have more than 50% of land area undergoing desertification or degradation, while States with less than 10% land degradation are Kerala, Assam, Mizoram, Haryana, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh.

In a recent jointly signed advisory, Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Rural Development, and Ajay Tirkey, Secretary, Department of Land Resources, urged the Chief Secretaries of the States to ensure that the two schemes work in tandem. Under the latter, activities such as ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rainwater harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture and pasture development are done.

Working the land: The MGNREGS has a budget of ₹73,000 crore for the financial year 2022-23. FILE PHOTO

The Union government now wants the States to undertake these activities using MGNREGS funds, which go towards both material and wage components.

In 2019, the government raised its target of restoration of degraded land from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares by 2030 following a commitment made during the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (COP14). Nearly three years on, the government is nowhere near this target.

Though the Ministry has been making efforts to contribute towards meeting the international commitment, the constraints posed on economy by the pandemic restricted the target to 4.95 million hectares by 2025-26. Therefore, there is a compelling reason for the Ministry to explore alternative opportunities to fulfil the commitment, the advisory read.

The Rural Development Ministry is now hoping that by making use of the MGNREGS, which for the financial year 2022-23 has a budget of ₹73,000 crore, the government can scale up the area to be covered.

As of now, there is Central allocation of ₹8,134 crore for developing 4.95 million hectares.

By the Ministry's own estimate, a convergence with the MGNREGS could help take up treatment of about 30% more land than feasible with the current scheme size.

NMC seeks details of suicides, drop-outs in medical colleges

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The NMC has also asked colleges to provide details of the students' weekly offs and working hours

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has set October 7 as the deadline for medical colleges to provide details of medical students (undergraduate and postgraduate) who died by suicide and those who discontinued the course in the past five years.

The move comes following a rise in number of suicides, ragging, overwork and denial of weekly offs to the students.

While doctors have welcomed the initiative, they add that the NMC should do more, including appointing an independent committee to look into these complaints and take remedial action swiftly.

The NMC, in its recent notification issued to the principals and deans of medical colleges, said that they need to submit details of number of students who died by suicide during the past five years and those who discontinued their courses during this time.

The commission has also asked colleges to provide details of the working hours and weekly offs given to the students.

Expressing concern over the incidents of suicide and suicidal tendency among the students, the panel said that though all such incidents were not linked to ragging, many cases of suicide had been linked to ragging.

A senior official said that the commission was slated to review the matter.

"Every life is precious and together we have to ensure that students are offered a safe learning environment. The commission has taken a positive step in the right direction and this needs to be followed up with swift remedial action. This will send the right message to students. Counselling and support systems also need to be put in place to ensure that incidents of stress-induced suicides among students are prevented," saidSunil Kumar, former Director-General of Health Services.

Call for helpline

He suggested that a 24-hour helpline must be established in all medical colleges and an internal committee, chaired by the dean or principal and having a very senior professor of psychiatry as member, be constituted in all medical colleges to prevent and treat mental health issues among medical students.

CBI arrests Russian national in JEE-Main tampering case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday arrested a Russian national, who was held at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on arrival from Almaty in Kazakhstan, for questioning pertaining to the alleged tampering of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main) about a year ago.

The person, identified as Mikhail Shargin, is suspected to have helped the other accused persons in hacking into the software platform on which the examination was held.

"During investigation, it came to light that some foreign nationals were involved in compromising many online examinations, including the JEE (Main)...the role of one Russian national was revealed, who had allegedly tampered with the iLeon software – the platform on which the JEE(Main)-2021 examination was conducted," said a CBI official.

The agency had registered the case on September 1, 2021, against Affinity Education Private Limited, its directors, employees and others. They were allegedly helping the candidates secure admission in top National Institutes of Technology by solving the question paper through remote access from an examination centre in Haryana's Sonepat.

Centre plans cutting coal supply to plants that don't comply on biomass co-firing

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India has been severely lagging in ensuring that at least 5% of coal used in thermal plants was mixed with biomass despite guidelines mandating them to do so. This recalcitrance by power manufacturers has prompted the Power Ministry to consider cutting coal supply to non-compliant plants, it emerged from the proceedings of an inter-ministerial meeting of the Environment, Agriculture and Power Ministries on Monday.

The Power Ministry in October 2021 had decreed that all thermal power plants ensure 5% compliance by October 2022. Biomass pellets have the same calorific value as coal and mixing them with coal saves consumption as well as reportedly cuts emissions.

The Power Ministry wants to cut down on the use of fossil-based fuels like coal.

The meeting to review progress of biomass co-firing in thermal power plants was held in New Delhi to prepare for the coming post-monsoon season that saw farm fires in north India and worsening air pollution. Biomass from stubble, which is often burned by farmers in open fields, can be used in coal plants to reduce pollution.

The meeting was co-chaired by Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Power Minister R.K. Singh.

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Five killed in Durga Puja pandal fire in Uttar Pradesh

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Five people, including three children, were killed and more than 60 people sustained injury after a fire broke out at a Durga Puja pandal at Narthuwa village within the Auria police station limits in Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh.

Correction

Goundars in Tamil Nadu are not a Telugu-speaking community as stated by the Chairperson of the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Chamu Krishna Shastry, in an interview in these columns on October 3.

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(set by Arden)

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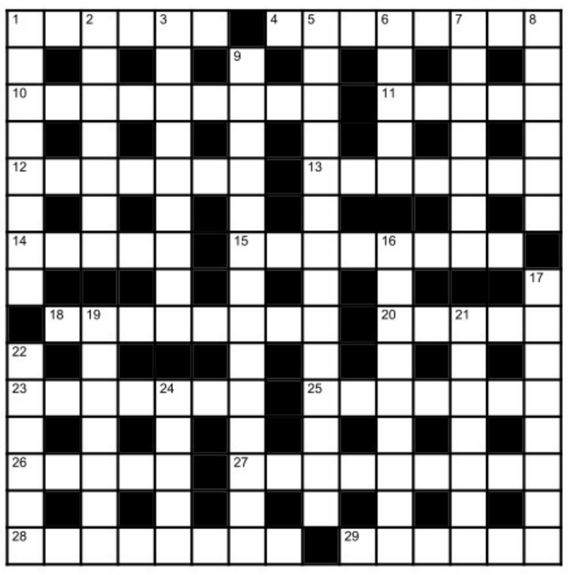

Across

1 Moral aspects of changing the electronic circuits (6)
4 Most importantly, a trip takes limited period (5,3)
10 Bet inland, like 23 (9)
11 Island partly across a moat (5)
12 After small drink make some paint marks (7)
13 Fruit to get some divine intervention (7)
14 Fungus? Return to work first (5)
15 Anguish over defeat, but he is optimistic (8)
18 Ecstatic drunk cries outside a bar, briefly (8)
20 Minute changes, one goes unachieved (5)
23 Man.Utd midfielder goes from extreme left to extreme right, just joking (7)
25 Ordering mandarin orange, managers arranged metal support (7)
26 Hilton perhaps is under average (5)
27 Band of soldiers on both sides guarding the box (9)
28 Tomato salad - taking on a little cupid (8)
29 Land to the east, say (6)

Down

1 Laid out some beds and stamped (8)
2 Suspended sentence? (7)
3 Queen's place to travel on road, occasionally (9)
5 War's a gamble, but there is a possibility of success (8,6)
6 Basics - 50% found in German city (5)
7 Like to cross miles, perhaps it's pointless (7)
8 Force to lease both sides immediately (4,2)
9 Surrender to the spirit, stop working (4-2,3,5)
16 Left one bare, otherwise she has loads to work on (9)
17 Step one accepted long time ago (5,3)
19 Regular team game, has to stop-stop (7)
21 Western woman embraces an Indian warrior (7)
22 Wine supplier's a bit short, paid 50% for the drink (6)
24 Child is with the girl (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13676

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

His effulgent feet

Alavandar, in his Stotra ratna, first offers his prayers to Nathamuni, sage Parasara and Nammazhvar, and then praises Lord Narayana. Our concerns are largely about the welfare of our dear ones. We are, in fact, obsessed with what we can do for our families. But for Alavandar, the Lord's feet are everything – mother, father, wife, children and wealth. Sastras allow for direct praise only in certain cases. In the case of an Acharya, one can praise him to his face. In fact, one must, because he is the one who guides us to the path of moksha, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse.

Sastras say that we must not praise our children to their faces. In the case of God Himself, direct praise is necessary. The Lord gladly accepts our praises of Him. Moreover, if Acharyas are to be praised directly, then the Lord, being the foremost of our preceptors, certainly must be praised directly. His feet shine all the more brightly, when placed on Alavandar's head. If a lamp is lit and placed when the Sun shines, the light from the lamp will seem insignificant. But if a lamp is placed in darkness, it shines brightly. Likewise, the Lord's feet shine all the more when placed on the head of a mortal with many flaws. Hence Alavandar says the Lord's feet placed on his head have more effulgence than usual.

Great Acharyas and devotees refer to themselves as sinners. That is due to their humility. Periyazhvar in a pasuram says that the Lord who resides in the milky ocean has come to reside in the ocean that is Periyazhvar's mind. Nammazhvar imagines himself to be a Gopika, unable to part from Krishna.

SOFIA

Poll puts former Bulgaria Prime Minister Borissov back on top

Boyko Borissov, leader of the centre-right GERB party, after casting his vote in Sofia on Sunday. Bulgaria's central election commission said the party appeared to be the winner of the parliamentary poll, receiving 25.4% of the vote, edging out the reformist We Continue the Change party by more than 5 percentage points. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan court drops contempt case against Imran Khan

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan outside a court in Islamabad, in this file photo. A Pakistani court on Monday accepted an apology tendered by Mr. Khan and dropped a contempt of court case against him, his defence lawyer said, a ruling that eases the threat to him of disqualification from politics. REUTERS

MALANG

At least 32 children were killed in Indonesia stadium disaster: official

People lighting candles to pay respects to the victims of the riot and stampede following a football match, in Malang, East Java province, on Monday. At least 32 children were among the 125 killed in the crush, officials said as the police moved to punish those responsible for one of the deadliest disasters in football history. REUTERS

WEST BANK

Israeli forces kill two Palestinians to 'foil car-ramming attack'

Palestinian protesters burning tyres near al-Jalazun refugee camp, near the Israeli settlement of Beit El in the occupied West Bank, on Monday. Israeli forces killed two Palestinians in West Bank during what the Army called an attempted car-ramming attack on soldiers carrying out an arrest operation. AFP

After uproar, U.K.'s Truss forced into major U-turn over tax cut for wealthy

The decision to reverse course is likely to put the British Prime Minister and her Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng under huge pressure, less than four weeks after they came to power

Reuters
BIRMINGHAM

Catching flak: Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss, centre, arriving for the Conservative Party annual conference at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham, England, on Monday. AP

British Prime Minister Liz Truss was forced on Monday into a humiliating U-turn, reversing plans to cut the highest rate of income tax that helped to spark a rebellion in her party and turmoil in financial markets.

Ms. Truss, and her Finance Minister Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a new "growth plan" on September 23 that would cut taxes and regulation, funded by vast government borrowing to snap the economy out of years of stagnant growth.

But the plan triggered a crisis of investor confidence in the government, hammering the value of the pound and government bond prices and jolting global markets to such an extent that the Bank of England had to intervene with a 65 billion pound ($73 billion) programme to shore up the markets.

While the removal of the top rate of tax only made up around 2 billion out of a 45 billion pound tax-cutting plan, it was the most eye-catching element of a fiscal package that was to be funded by government borrowing, with Mr. Kwarteng not explaining how it would be paid for in the long-term.

Just hours after Ms. Truss went on BBC television to defend the policy, Mr. Kwarteng released a statement saying he accepted it had become a distraction from wider efforts to help households through a difficult winter.

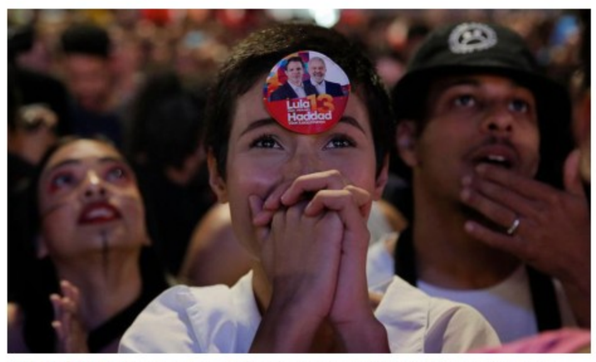
"As a result, I'm announcing we are not proceeding with the abolition of the 45p tax rate. We get it, and we have listened," he said in the statement.

The decision to reverse course is likely to put Ms. Truss and Mr. Kwarteng under huge pressure, less than four weeks after they came to power. Britain has had four Prime Ministers in the last six politically turbulent years.

Mr. Kwarteng said he had not considered resigning. "The 45p rate was simply a distraction on what was a very, very strong set of measures," he told BBC television, adding that the U-turn decision had been taken by himself and Ms. Truss.

Brazil heads to run-off as leftist Lula falls short of outright victory

Reuters
SAO PAULO/BRASILIA



Cheering on: Supporters of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva reacting as they watch the vote count in Brasilia on Sunday. AFP

The second round of Brazil's presidential election campaign kicked off on Monday after far-right President Jair Bolsonaro outperformed polling and robbed leftist ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of outright victory in the first round of voting.

The unexpectedly strong showing by Mr. Bolsonaro on Sunday dashed hopes for a quick resolution to the deeply polarised election in the world's fourth-largest democracy. It also revitalised the President's campaign, setting the stage for a highly competitive and tense run-off on October 30.

With 99.9% of electronic votes counted, Mr. Lula had taken 48.4% of votes versus 43.2% for Mr. Bolsonaro, prompting the run-off as neither garnered a majority.

Beating predictions

The race has proven tighter than most surveys suggested, giving momentum to Mr. Bolsonaro, who had insisted the polls could not be trusted. If he pulls off a comeback, it would break with a wave of victories for leftists across the region in recent years, including Mexico, Colombia, Argentina and Chile.

Capital Economics said in a note that Mr. Lula was still the favourite to be elected. But it said Mr. Bolsonaro and his allies' "surprisingly strong performance" would provide severe obstacles to governing Latin America's biggest country. "That should help to temper fears of a sharp shift to the left," it wrote.

Adding to tensions, Mr. Bolsonaro has made baseless attacks on the integrity of Brazil's electronic voting system and suggested he may not concede if he loses.

On Sunday night, he sounded confident that victory was within reach and avoided criticism of the voting system.

"I plan to make the right political alliances to win this election," he told journalists, pointing to significant advances his party made in Congress in the general election.

Mr. Bolsonaro's right-wing allies won 19 of the 27 seats up from grabs in the Senate, and initial returns suggested a strong showing for his base in the lower house.

China's passenger jet moves a step closer to take off, Xi calls for more breakthroughs

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Symbol of self-sufficiency: A prototype of the C919 taking off during a test flight, in this file photo. REUTERS

China's first large home-made passenger aircraft, the C919, has a moved a step closer towards taking to the skies after receiving an airworthiness certificate on September 30.

President Xi Jinping last week met with the C919 project team on the eve of China's national day, hailing the aircraft as a symbol of self-sufficiency in key strategic sectors – a theme that the upcoming once-in-five-year congress of the ruling Communist Party, which will mark the start of an unprecedented third term for Mr. Xi, is expected to emphasise.

The C919 will still require two further airworthiness certifications, which the plane's manufacturer, the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC), expects by the end of the year, when the aircraft is expected to be delivered to Chinese airlines.

'Solid progress'

Mr. Xi told the project team that having "Chinese airliners fly in the sky embodies the will of our country" and called for "consistent and persistent efforts to achieve greater breakthroughs in core technologies in key fields" to make "solid progress in building China into a manufacturer of quality ... on the path to the summit of science and technology".

Cost-friendly equivalent

The 160-seater narrow-body aircraft is the first large passenger jet manufactured by China, and is being marketed, particularly to airlines in developing countries, as a cost-friendly equivalent to Boeing's 737 and the Airbus A320.

Chinese airlines themselves mostly run fleets of Boeing and Airbus aircraft. Airbus maintains a large final assembly line in Tianjin, which was the first outside Europe and delivers both A320 and wide-body A330s, with Chinese airlines among its biggest customers in the region.

Chinese manufacturer COMAC's first passenger aircraft, the 90-seater ARJ-21 (Advanced Regional Jet), an Embraer-type jet which has been flown mostly by airlines in China since 2016, has had few takers overseas. Beijing is hoping the C919 will have more success, with state media reporting it had so far received 28 orders for 815 aircraft, from within China and from abroad.

Khamenei blames U.S., Israel for Iran protests

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Monday accused arch-foes the United States and Israel of fomenting the wave of nationwide unrest sparked by outrage over the death of Mahsa Amini.

"I say clearly that these riots and the insecurity were engineered by America and the occupying, false Zionist regime, as well as their paid agents, with the help of some traitorous Iranians abroad," the supreme leader said.

In his first public comments since Amini's death, 83-year-old Mr. Khamenei stressed that the police must "stand up to criminals" and added that "whoever attacks the police leaves the people defenceless against criminals, thugs, thieves".

"The death of the young woman broke our hearts," said Mr. Khamenei. "But what is not normal is that some people, without proof or an investigation, have made the streets dangerous, burned the Koran, removed hijabs from veiled women and set fire to mosques and cars."

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Short Term E-Tender Notification

Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University (herein after referred to as KSAWUV or University) invites Tenders for the **Running of Vegetarian Hostel Mess for Approximate 400 Students at Jnana-Shakti Campus K..S.A.W.U, Vijayapura**. from the eligible and reputed vendors/companies as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act. The Tendered, who have registered under e-governance Department of Karnataka may participate through e-tendering system. Bid documents may be downloaded from the E-procurement Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The eligible Tenderer shall submit their e-Tender in under e-procurement platform as scheduled in e-portal. Contact number: 080-25501216, 9449662003.

BIDDING SCHEDULE

01) Name of Work: **Running of Vegetarian Hostel Mess for Approximate 400 Students at Jnana-Shakti Campus K..S.A.W.U, Vijayapura**

02) Date of publishing Tender Document on e-Procurement **Platform: 15.09.2022**

03) Tender Notification reference **number and Date: KSAWU/Reg/Mess/Tender/2022-23/Ind-176**

04) Tender Amount put to the tender: **72,00,000/-**

05) Last date for uploading the filled Tender **document 15.10.2022 till 16.00.**

06) Time and Date of opening of Technical **Bid: 17.10.2022 after 16.01.**

07) Time and Date of opening of Financial **Bid: 19.10.2022 after 16.00.**

08) EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) 1,80,000/-

09) Place of opening Technical Bid and address for communication The Registrar Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University,Vijayapura – 586108. Karnataka. India.

Sd/- Registrar, K.S.A.W.U., Vijayapur

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೫/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/459/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

Office of the Executive Engineer, RDW&S Department
Court Road, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara
Office And EE : 08226-226054 Email : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com

E-Procurement Tender Notification No. 10/2022-23
Dated : 27-09-2022

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept. Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagar Invites for the **Empanelment of Bore Wells Drilling Agencies for Drilling Borewell services in Chamarajanagara District. (Rate tender to finalize the Agencies in the empanelment)** for Eligible Class-II & Above General Category Contractors having (Borewell drilling Licence) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The Notification includes Borewell drilling of approximate number, Estimated Cost Rs. 90.00 Lakhs. Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal Only. All rights reserved with Executive Engineer to accept or reject the tender notification. Date and Time of Publication of Tender 28-09-2022 Onwards, Last date of submission of bids 12-10-2022 @ 17:00 hrs, Pre Bid meeting to be held on 01-10-2022 @ 11.00 hrs Venue : Office of Executive Engineer, RDW&SD Division, Chamarajanagara - 571313 or through Email : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com, Time & Date of Opening of Technical Bids 14-10-2022 @ 11.00 hrs and Financial Bid - After Successful completion of Technical Bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Department, Chamarajanagara Division
Chamarajanagara

DIPR : CHANAGAR:323:2022-23

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ದೂ.: 080–22122856 ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.kpwd.gov.in

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 19/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03–10–2022

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(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **06–10–2022** ರಿಂದ **21–10–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **21–10–2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (3)** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **25–10–2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30ಕ್ಕೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. **(4)** ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೂಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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INBRIEF

Suzlon promoters reconfirm participation in rights issue

The promoters of Suzlon Energy Ltd. have reconfirmed their participation in the proposed rights issue, in the wake of founder and CMD Tulsi Tanti's sudden death on Saturday, and expressed their intention to subscribe to the full extent of their rights entitlement.

"The company will continue to follow the schedule for the proposed rights issue set out in its letter of offer (LOF) dated September 28," Suzlon said in a filing to the stock exchanges.

Sept. exports dip 3.5%, trade deficit widens to $26.7 billion

India's goods exports shrank 3.5% in September to $32.62 billion, its first contraction since February 2021, while imports rose 5.4% to $59.35 billion, widening the trade deficit to $26.73 billion, provisional data from the Commerce Ministry show. Last month's imports figure came under $60 billion for the time in seven months.

The Ministry explained that India's "export in certain sectors has seen a decline on account of slowdown in some developed economies and a consequential slowdown in demand".

PayU parent Prosus calls off $4.7-bn acquisition of BillDesk

Prosus NV, an Amsterdam-based consumer Internet group and parent of PayU, said it had scrapped the $4.7 billion acquisition of BillDesk, a Mumbai-based online payment gateway, citing the non-fulfillment of 'certain conditions' by September 30.

PayU had secured Competition Commission of India approval for the deal on September 5. However, 'certain conditions' precedent were not fulfilled by the September 30 long-stop date, and the pact had terminated automatically, it added.

September PMI signals a deceleration in pace of manufacturing expansion

S&P Global India Manufacturing PMI slows to 55.1 from 56.2 in August, last month's survey points to export orders rising at fastest pace since May while input cost pressures ease to a two-year low

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing sector saw its slowest expansion since June, the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for September indicated, with the index easing to 55.1 from August's 56.2.

New export orders rose for the sixth straight month, and at the fastest pace since May, even as the uptick in input costs dipped to the slowest rate in almost two years thanks to subdued global demand for raw materials and recession risks.

Price respite: Goods producers enjoyed a weaker inflationary environment with just 8% reporting higher purchasing prices. AP

Indian producers responded to the relief on raw material cost surges by restricting increases in selling prices, dragging inflation in output prices to a seven-month low, the survey-based PMI signalled. Goods producers enjoyed a weaker inflationary environment as input costs rose at the slowest pace since October 2020 and just 8% of the surveyed companies reported higher purchasing prices.

With inflation worries ebbing, businesses exuded more confidence about future prospects with the overall level of positive sentiment being the best in more than seven-and-a-half years. However, currency risks and the impact of a weaker rupee on inflation and interest rates could derail optimism in October, noted Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"The Indian manufacturing industry remains in good shape, despite considerable global headwinds and recession fears elsewhere," she added.

Sensex falls 1% as PMI flags soft demand, rupee slips after oil rises

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices slid by more than 1% on Monday on concerns about demand at manufacturers after PMI data signalled the sector's slowest expansion since June.

The S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for September eased to 55.1 from 56 in August.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 638.11 points, or 1.11%, to 56,788.81 points.

The Sensex stocks which lost the most include Maruti (3.16%), HUL (2.77%), IndusInd Bank (2.55%), ITC (2.32%) and Bajaj Finance (2.26%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index too slid 1.21% to 16,887.35.

"Global markets are expected to stay under pressure due to the confluence of an unfavourable economic outlook and investor risk aversion," said Vinod Nair, head, Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"As demand slowed, India's manufacturing PMI declined slightly to 55.1 in September. As a result, all the key sectors were pressured... except pharma and oil," added Mr. Nair.

The rupee depreciated by 42 paise against the dollar to close at 81.82, as a spike in crude oil prices weighed on the local unit.

Foreign institutional investors became net buyers as they purchased shares worth ₹590.58 crore on Monday, as per provisional stock exchange data.

(With PTI inputs)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	56,789	-1.11
US Dollar	81.82	-0.52
Gold	50,682	-0.18
Brent oil	88.30	--

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3157.30	-298.45
Adani Ports	784.40	-36.25
Apollo Hosp	4365.20	-18.20
Asian Paints	3302.90	-39.55
Axis Bank	722.75	-10.45
Bajaj Auto	3515.35	-12.40
Bajaj Finserv	1646.60	-31.75
Bajaj Finance	7171.80	-163.95
Bharti Airtel	803.35	3.45
BPCL	308.80	4.00
Britannia Ind	3768.95	-74.10
Cipla	1130.75	15.80
Coal India	214.95	2.70
Divis Lab	3726.85	21.65
Dr Reddys Lab	4419.65	83.95
Eicher Motors	3463.35	-208.25
Grasim Ind	1636.45	-38.40
HCL Tech	930.25	-2.10
HDFC	2283.05	-4.70
HDFC Bank	1413.20	-8.15
HDFC Life	518.70	-11.75
Hero MotoCorp	2525.55	-23.65
Hindalco	380.95	-9.60
Hind Unilever	2622.50	-73.95
ICICI Bank	848.35	-13.65
IndusInd Bank	1156.25	-28.95
Infosys	1393.75	-19.70
ITC	324.40	-7.80
JSW Steel	623.55	-8.10
Kotak Bank	1783.90	-35.30
L&T	1819.30	-28.40
M&M	1251.35	-16.85
Maruti Suzuki	8547.00	-281.15
NestleIndia	18992.60	-152.20
NTPC	160.35	0.70
ONGC	132.40	5.60
PowerGrid Corp	210.80	-1.40
Reliance Ind	2369.50	-8.25
SBI Life	1237.25	-13.20
State Bank	519.75	-10.85
Sun Pharma	944.50	-4.15
TataConsumerProduct	777.95	-24.90
Tata Motors	397.65	-6.95
Tata Steel	98.35	-0.95
TCS	2984.95	-19.60
Tech Mahindra	1005.50	-3.10
Titan	2574.20	-32.75
UltraTech Cement	6242.55	-12.55
UPL	665.10	-6.95
Wipro	394.50	0.25

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.67	81.99
Euro	79.79	80.10
British Pound	91.39	91.76
Japanese Yen (100)	56.31	56.53
Chinese Yuan	11.48	11.53
Swiss Franc	82.52	82.89
Singapore Dollar	56.88	57.11
Canadian Dollar	59.41	59.64
Malaysian Ringitt	17.56	17.65
Australian Dollar	52.67	52.88

Source:Indian Bank

RIL said to be set to unveil ₹15,000 laptop

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Reliance Jio will soon introduce a laptop priced at just ₹15,000 ($184) – one of the cheapest on offer in India, aiming to replicate the success of its low-cost phone, said two sources with knowledge of the matter.

Reliance is known for disrupting businesses with cut-throat price offerings. Jio, its telecom unit, has been credited with upending the world's no. 2 mobile market with cheap 4G data plans and free voice services in 2016. Last year, it followed that up with its 4G JioPhone that costs $81.

The laptop, to be called JioBook, would be available to customers such as schools and government institutes from this month while a consumer launch was anticipated in the next three months, they said.

Stocks, oil surge; tax U-turn lifts pound

Reuters
LONDON/WASHINGTON

The final quarter of the year got a boost Monday as U.S. stocks surged in early trading, shaking off a gloomier start in global markets while oil prices jumped more than 5%.

Oil prices rocketed upwards after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, a group known as OPEC+, said it would consider reducing output, while sterling rallied after the British government said it would reverse a controversial tax cut that had rocked U.K. markets.

In early trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.27% and the S&P 500 gained 1.14%.

Britain's battered pound was up about 0.4% at $1.12085, following the U.K. policy reversal.

Sport

Saurashtra's middle, lower-order thwart Rest of India on day three

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Kuldeep Sen bowled a lethal spell up front but Saurashtra's middle and lower order staged a spirited fightback to stretch the Irani Cup tie into the fourth day at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Monday.

When Sen struck thrice in his opening spell to leave Saurashtra tottering at 87 for five, the demons of the first innings collapse were hovering over their head. To wipe off the first innings deficit of 276 and make Rest of India bat again was a distant dream.

By the end of the day's play, however, riding on two entertaining partnerships, Saurashtra ended the day at a respectable 368 for eight, with a lead of 92. It will take a Herculean task for captain Jaydev Unadkat (78 batting, 116b, 8x4, 2x6) to stretch the lead beyond 150 runs and give his bowling unit a remote chance of a win.

When Arpit Vasavada joined veteran Sheldon Jackson in the middle, Sen was on fire. The lanky pacer had accounted for Chirag Jani (off-stump uprooted cartwheeling), big fish Cheteshwar Pujara (edged off the shoulder of the bat to the keeper) and Dharmendra Jadeja (scooped to covers) in his first four overs.

Once the spin was introduced, Jackson started opening up his shoulders, while left-handed Vasavada scored freely square off the wickets. Despite Saurabh Kumar and Jayant Yadav employing a fielder on the boundary right behind the bowler to restrict Jackson's trademark lofted straight drive, the batter swiftly hoicked them over covers. Just when the partnership was looking dangerous, Jackson was caught at covers off Mukesh Kumar. Vasavada too missed a sweep off Saurabh and at 215 for seven, it looked like a day three finish was inevitable.

Unadkat and Prerak Mankad then put together a strokeful partnership to the delight of a handful of spectators, including the captain's family members. Both played the tiring bowlers with panache, impressing with their clean hitting. Unadkat on 54 was fortunate to have been dropped at deep square by Jayant off a perfect short ball by Umran Malik.

Had Mankad not scooped a Jayant long-hop to Umran on the on-side in the dying minutes, Rest of India would have started feeling jittery at the start of Tuesday's play.

Skipper the saviour: Unadkat's unbeaten 78 has given Saurashtra a ray of hope. SAURASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The scores:
Saurashtra — 1st innings: 98.
Rest of India — 1st innings: 374.
Saurashtra — 2nd innings: Harvik Desai c Vihari b Saurabh 20, Snell Patel c Sarfaraz b Saurabh 16, Chirag Jani b Sen 6, Dharmendra Jadeja c Abhimanyu b Sen 25, Cheteshwar Pujara c Bharat b Sen 1, Sheldon Jackson c Saurabh b Mukesh 71, Arpit Vasavada lbw b Saurabh 55, Prerak Mankad c Umran b Jayant 72, Jaydev Unadkat (batting) 78, Parth Bhut (batting) 6; Extras (b-4, lb-10, nb-2, w-2) 18; Total (for eight wkts., 98 overs) 368.
Fall of wicket: 1-34, 2-38, 3-55, 4-57, 5-87, 6-204, 7-215, 8-359.
Rest of India bowling: Mukesh 18-6-49-1, Sen 16-1-85-3, Umran 16-5-59-0, Saurabh 25-5-80-3, Jayant 20-3-72-1, Sarfaraz 3-0-9-0.

Panchal replaces Mayank as concussion substitute

Amol Karhadkar
RAJKOT

Priyank Panchal has replaced Mayank Agarwal as a concussion substitute for the second innings of Rest of India's Irani Cup tie against Saurashtra.

Mayank was hit on the back of his head with a throw by his teammate on Sunday, the second day of the match, just before the start of Saurashtra's second innings. While the CT scan reports after the freak accident did not show any internal injury, he was advised to be under observation for 48 hours. Panchal and Abhimanyu Easwaran are set to start Rest's run-chase in the fourth innings on the fourth day.

Meghana and Shafali help India cruise past Malaysia by D/L method

Meghana. FILE PHOTO

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

Opener S. Meghana (69) batted with authority to record her maiden T20I half-century as India defeated Malaysia by 30 runs via the Duckworth-Lewis method in the rain-curtailed Asia Cup match here on Monday.

Replacing vice-captain Smriti Mandhana at the top, Meghana hit a career-best 69 off 53 deliveries to help India post 181 for four.

In reply, Malaysia was tottering at 16 for two in 5.2 overs when rain stopped play, far behind the 46-run mark which was the D/L par score when the match was called off.

Pakistan beat Bangladesh in In the other match of the day. The host could manage only 70 for eight in the 20 overs which Pakistan overhauled for the loss of just one wicket, with 7.4 overs to spare.

The scores:
India: S. Meghana c Ismail b Duraisingam 69 *(53b, 11x4, 1x6)*, Shafali Verma b Syuhada 46 *(39b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Richa Ghosh (not out) 33 *(19b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Kiran Navgire c Natsya b Syuhada 0 *(1b)*, Radha Yadav c Azmi b Duraisingam 8 *(4b, 2x4)*, D. Hemalatha (not out) 10 *(4b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-3, w-12): 15; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 181.
Fall of wickets: 1-116 (Meghana, 13.5 overs), 2-158 (Shafali, 18.1), 3-158 (Kiran, 18.2), 4-169 (Radha, 19.2).
Malaysia bowling: Azmi 4-0-37-0, Hashim 4-0-30-0, Ismail 4-0-21-0, Natsya 3-0-37-0, Duraisingam 3-0-36-2, Elysa 1-0-8-0, Syuhada 1-0-9-2.
Malaysia: Winifred Duraisingam lbw b Deepti 0 *(4b)*, Wan Julia b Rajeshwari 1 *(6b)*, Mas Elysa (not out) 14 *(17b, 3x4)*, Elsa Hunter (not out) 1 *(5b)*; Total (for two wkts. in 5.2 overs): 16.
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Duraisingam, 0.4), 2-6 (Julia, 3.1).
India bowling: Deepti 3-0-10-1, Rajeshwari 2-1-6-1, Meghna 0.2-0-0-0.
Toss: Malaysia;
Player-of-the-Match: S. Meghana. *India won by 30 runs (D/L method).*

Madrid drops first points in LaLiga race

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Karim Benzema missed a penalty for Real Madrid as it finally blinked in the La Liga title race, dropping its first points of the season in a 1-1 draw with Osasuna on Sunday. After Barcelona beat Real Mallorca on Saturday, Madrid knew it had to win to stay top but was frustrated by Jagoba Arrasate's well-organised side at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Vinicius Junior broke the deadlock with a cross that snuck all the way through, but Kike Garcia's well-taken header earned Osasuna a point.

Juventus swept aside Bologna 3-0 on Sunday to ease its recent troubles as Atalanta continued its dream start to the Serie A season with a 1-0 win over Fiorentina which kept it level on points with leader Napoli.

The results: La Liga: Celta Vigo 1 (Veiga 9) bt Real Betis 0; Girona 3 (Riquelme 23, Martinez 27, Castellanos 48) lost to Real Sociedad 5 (Sorloth 8, 42, Mendez 66, Zubimendi 71, Kubo 85); Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius Jr 42) drew with Osasuna 1 (Kike Garcia 50).
Serie A: Atalanta 1 (Lookman 59) drew with Fiorentina 0; Juventus 3 (Kostic 23, Vlahovic 59, Milik 63) bt Bologna 0.

Barcelona meets a struggling Inter Milan

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
LONDON

Champions League action returns this Tuesday with Spanish giant Barcelona, which isn't in such good shape in the continental competition after losing to Bayern Munich last time out, visiting fellow struggler Inter Milan.

The match that could help decide the second-place qualifier in Group C, with both teams on three points, three behind Bayern.

Liverpool opened with a chastening loss at Napoli in Group A and needed a last-minute goal by Joel Matip to beat Ajax 2-1.

Now, there's a sense of optimism around the Reds' European hopes, especially given two straight games against last-place Rangers.

Then there's Tottenham, which only beat 10-man Marseille in Group D thanks to two late goals from Richarlison and was then way below par in a surprise loss at Sporting.

Today's schedule:
Marseille vs Sporting, Bayern vs Viktoria Plzen 10.15 p.m.; Porto vs Leverkusen, Clube Brugge vs Atletico Madrid, Ajax vs Napoli, Eintracht Frankfurt vs Napoli, Inter vs Barcelona, Liverpool vs Rangers (12.30 a.m., Wednesday).

TENNIS

Djokovic reigns in Tel Aviv for 89th career title

Novak Djokovic claimed his third title of 2022 and 89th of his career with an impressive straight-sets victory over Marin Cilic in the Tel Aviv final on Sunday. The 35-year-old Djokovic triumphed 6-3, 6-4 to add the Israeli trophy to victories in Rome and Wimbledon this season.

CUE SPORTS

Shrikrishna enters final of world 6-red snooker

Reigning National champion S. Shrikrishna entered the final of the World men's 6-red snooker championship at Kuala Lumpur, defeating Thailand's Issara Kachaiwong 5-0 in the semifinals. On Tuesday, the 22-year-old will take on Habib Sabah of Bahrain, who beat Thor Chuan Leong of Malaysia 5-4 in the other last-four clash.

TENNIS

Ramkumar makes the grade for Japan Open

Ramkumar Ramanathan defeated second seed Elias Ymer of Sweden 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 to make the main draw of the $2,108,110 ATP tennis tournament in Tokyo. He will play fellow qualifier Rio Noguchi of Japan in the first round. In doubles, Ramkumar and Alexei Popyrin of Australia will play second seeds Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell.

CRICKET

Australia all-rounder Stoinis ruled out of West Indies T20I series

All-rounder Marcus Stoinis has been ruled out of Australia's two-match T20I series against West Indies as he continues his recovery from a side strain suffered in early September. According to *a report in ESPNcricinfo*, Stoinis has stayed in Perth in order to finish his healing.

Advait Page, Bhavya Sachdeva hog limelight in swimming

Lakshya breaks record twice in the 200m breaststroke; Karnataka 4x100m relay squad of Ridhima, Manavi, Tanishi and Nina set a new record by clocking 4:27.78s

Making a splash: Bhavya after winning the women's 800m freestyle. *Right:* Advait on his way to the 1500m freestyle gold. RITU RAJ KONWAR

NATIONAL GAMES

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Advait Page swam well within himself, and yet dominated the men's 1500m freestyle to set a new Games record on the second day of the swimming events of the 36th National Games at the Sardar Patel Aquatic complex here on Monday.

Delhi's Bhavya Sachdeva underlined her growing stature by setting a new mark in the women's 800m while S. Lakshya broke the record twice in the 200m breaststroke. Karnataka's women set a new mark in the 4x100m medley relay.

Advait's main rival Sajan Prakash pulled out of the final due to a niggle and the Madhya Pradesh lad preserved his energy in the first half of the race where Gujarat's Aryan Nehra and Karnataka's Aneesh Gowda kept pace with the favourite.

However, Advait pulled ahead after the 800m mark and took a sufficient lead as the others faded away. Advait clocked a slow 15:54.79s to break Sajan Prakash's old mark (15:55.78) set in 2015. Aryan took the silver, while Aneesh finished with the bronze.

In the women's 800m freestyle, Vritti Agarwal and Ashmita Chandra stalked Bhavya for the first 200 metres. However, the Delhi girl went into a clear lead after 300m and set the pace alone to break the record in 9:15.24.

In one of the better contested finals, Karnataka's Lakshya beat back a late challenge from Chahat Arora to win the women's 200m breaststroke. Lakshya, who broke the existing record in the heats in the morning, was off to a fine start and took an early lead. However, Chahat in fourth position at the home stretch overtook Harshitha and Kalayani and pushed Lakshya, who managed to cling on to her lead to set a new record (2:42.63).

The Karnataka 4x100m relay squad of Ridhima, Manavi, Tanishi and Nina set a new record by clocking 4:27.78s.

The results:

Men: 1500m freestyle: 1. Advait Page (MP) (15:54.79s- NGR; OR – 15:55.78, Sajan Prakash, Kerala, 2015), 2. Aryan Nehra (Guj), 3. Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar);
200m breaststroke: 1. S.P. Likith (SSCB) (2:16.40), 2. S. Danush (TN), 3. Swadesh Mondal (SSCB);
4X100m medley relay: 1. SSCB (3:49.67), 2. Karnataka, 3. Delhi.
Women: 800m freestyle: 1. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del) (9:15.24 – NGR; OR – 9:15.30, Aakansha Vora, Maharashtra, 2015), 2. Vritti Agarwal (Tel), 3. Ashmitha Chandra (Kar);
200m breaststroke: S. Lakshya (Kar) (2:42.63 – NGR; OR – 2:45.96, Lakshya, 2022), 2. Chahat Arora (Pun), 3. Harshitha Jayaram (Kar);
4x100m medley: 1. Karnataka (4:27.78 – NGR; OR – 4:32.38, Maharashtra, 2015), 2. Maharashtra, 3. Bengal.

Siva Subramaniam soars to a new high

Stellar show: Siva Subramaniam of Services bettered his own National record by clearing 5.31m in pole vault. V.V. KRISHNAN

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

Siva Subramaniam scripted a new National record as he secured the men's pole vault title at the athletics arena of the National Games here on Monday.

Siva marginally improved his own record as he achieved 5.31m. His previous best of 5.30m had come in 2018.

The Services pole vaulter also shattered the 35-year-old Games record of 5.10m set by Vijay Pal Singh in Thiruvananthapuram.

Gulveer Singh clocked 28:54.29 to win the men's 10,000m crown with a new Games record. The previous record was in the name of G. Lakshmanan, who had done 29:13.10 seven years ago.

Kirpal Singh also set a new Games mark as he threw the discus to 59.32m. He went past Shakti Singh's 1997 performance of 58.56m.

Nayana James beat World under-20 silver medallist Shaili Singh, who returned to action after an injury to do 6.28m, to bag the women's long jump title with a leap of 6.33m

The results (finals, winners only): Men: 10000m: Gulveer Singh (SSCB) 28:54.29 (GR, Old: 29:13.50, G.Lakshmanan, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015); **Pole vault:** Siva Subramaniam (SSCB) 5.31m (NR, Old: 5.30m, Siva Subramaniam, Jalahalli, 2018; GR, Old: 5.10, Vijay Pal Singh, Thiruvananthapuram, 1987); **Discus:** Kirpal Singh (Pun) 59.32m (GR, Old: 58.56, Shakti Singh, Bangalore, 1997). **Women: 10000m:** Seema (HP) 33:58.40; **Long jump:** Nayana James (Ker) 6.33m; **Heptathlon:** Swapna Barman (MP) 5663 points.

Atanu makes recurve individual summit clash

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Olympian Atanu Das showed his old touch as he made it to the recurve men's archery individual summit clash in the National Games here on Monday. He will take on Gurucharan Besra in the final.

Atanu beat Parth Salunkhe 6-0 in the quarterfinals and fellow Olympian Tarundeep Rai 6-0 in the semifinals on his way to the final.

Tarundeep had beaten another seasoned archer, Jayanta Talukdar, 6-2 in the last-eight. Besra overcame Gaurav Lambe 7-1 in the semifinals.

Anshika Kumari Singh, who got past Simranjeet Kaur 6-4 in the last-four, and Sangeeta, who trounced Avani 6-0 in the semifinal, qualified for the recurve women's final as established names such as Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari lost prior to the semifinals.

Rani paves the way for Haryana's second win

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Captain Rani Rampal's hat-trick powered Haryana to its second straight win in the women's hockey of the 36th National Games at the Dhyanchand stadium here on Monday.

Haryana rode on Rani's brilliance to beat Odisha 4-0 in Group A. Rani scored in the 14th, 16th and 24th minutes to complete her hat-trick, while Sharmila Devi scored the fourth.

There was no respite for host Gujarat, which lost heavily to Uttar Pradesh 20-0 in another lopsided Group A contest. Karnataka held Jharkhand to a thrilling 3-3 draw in a group B match. Karnataka went ahead twice only to find Jharkhand drawing level.

Jharkhand went ahead for the first time in the match in the 51st minute through Deepika Soreng's field goal.

But the resilient Karnataka girls found the equaliser in the 57th minute when captain Kruthika converted a penalty corner.

In the men's section, Maharashtra hammered host Gujarat 20-1 while Haryana thrashed West Bengal 7-0 with Abhishek scoring a hat-trick.

The results:
Men: Maharashtra bt Gujarat 20-1; Haryana bt West Bengal 7-0.
Women: Haryana bt Odisha 4-0; Uttar Pradesh bt Gujarat 20-0; Karnataka 3 drew Jharkhand 3.

Handball players appeal to authorities to conduct the event

Sports Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

A group of handball players have appealed to the authorities concerned to consider their case and give them an opportunity to compete in the ongoing National Games here.

Last-minute drop

Handball, an Olympic sport, was scheduled to take place at the Games before being dropped at the last minute due to an internal squabble between two factions of the national federation.

The players, who are part of the Sports Authority of India's National Centre of Excellence here, claimed that exclusion of the sport affected the future of 416 players across the country.

Gurpinder Singh and his fellow players are disheartened after their hopes of representing Gujarat were dashed.

Gurprinder appealed to the authorities to think about the players' plight and think about organising the event.

Samra nails a thriller to bag 50m rifle 3 positions title

Santadeep Dey
AHMEDABAD

Triumphant: Vijayveer Sidhu and Harnavdeep Kaur who claimed the gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event. VIJAY SONEJI

Sift Kaur Samra on Monday pipped seasoned campaigner Shriyanka Sadangi to claim the women's 50m rifle 3 positions title in what was undoubtedly the most thrilling gold-medal match thus far in shooting at the 36th National Games.

Samra, who had to fend off Olympian and eventual bronze medallist Anjum Moudgil in a shoot-off to qualify for the final stage of the event, was off to a flying start.

First, Sadangi registered a 10.4 to tie with Samra in the fourth competition shot. With the total score now at 7-1, she scored two back-to-back 10s to claim the next two series as well.

When the score reached 13-7, Samra's coaching team had already started celebrating in the back row of the spectator zone. But the 27-year-old from Odisha wasn't done yet. A massive 10.8 followed by a 10.4 had Sadangi breathing down Samra's neck now.

Although, Samra claimed the next point, Sadangi bounced back right in time yet again to pocket the next two series with a 10.7 followed by a 10.8 to draw level at 15-15.

With both the shooters one hit away from the winning mark, Samra and Sadangi each recorded a 9.6, which had the spectators collectively gasp in disbelief.

Although put under the pump, Samra held her composure to fire a 10.1, compared to Sadangi's 9.8, to romp home 18-16.

Earlier, the 10m air pistol mixed team gold-medal deciding tie was a closely-contested affair as well, with qualification runner-up Punjab claiming the yellow metal with a 17-11 scoreline.

With the score at 4-2 in favour of Uttar Pradesh, Vijayveer Sidhu of Punjab, who is also the gold medallist in the individual event, shot a perfect 10.9. If that wasn't enough to rattle the opponent, Vijayveer's partner Harnavdeep Kaur hit a perfect shot again two series later.

The results: 50m rifle 3 positions women: Gold: Sift Kaur Samra (PUN) 18; **Silver:** Shriyanka Sadangi (ORI) 16; **Bronze:** Anjum Moudgil (PUN).

10m air pistol mixed team: Gold: Punjab (Harnavdeep Kaur, Vijayveer Sidhu) 17; **Silver:** Uttar Pradesh (Yuvika Tomar, Ujjawal Malik) 11; **Bronze 1:** Maharashtra (Ruchita Rajendra Vinerkar, Samarth Mandlik); **Bronze 2:** Haryana (Rhythm Sangwan, Shiva Narwal).

Sambo Lapung breaks Vikas Thakur's clean and jerk record

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

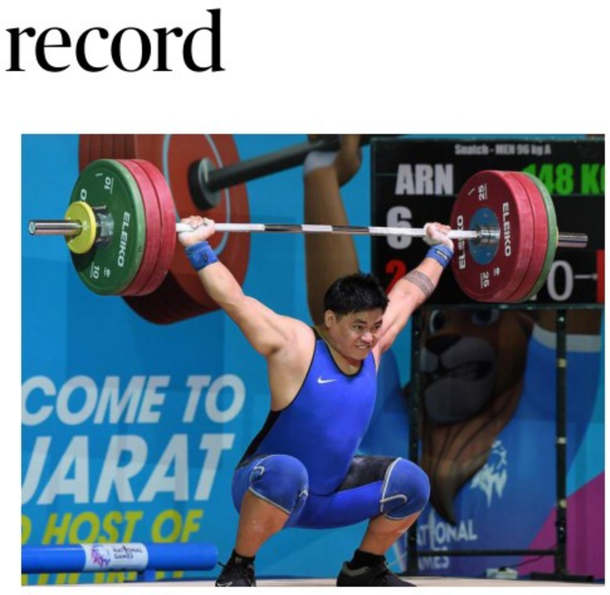
Arunachal Pradesh's Sambo Lapung conquered his love for fast food to break Services' lifter Vikas Thakur's three-year-old clean and jerk record and claim the men's 96kg gold medal at the weightlifting arena of the National Games here on Monday.

Twenty five-year-old Lapung achieved 148kg in snatch and 198kg in his final clean jerk attempt, a kg more than Thakur's previous record, to total 346kg and beat Services' Jagdish by 15kg.

A boxer, who took to lifting to avoid punishment from his boxing coach, Lapung's performance was 10kg more than that of his own gold medal winning aggregate of 336kg in the National championships in Bhubaneswar in March.

"I came here to compete with myself and had one eye on the record," Lapung said.

Lapung's coach Yukar Sibi said he was strict about the lifter's diet. "Sambo is a lover of fast food and was disqualified from the 2021 Nationals for being overweight. So I kept an eye on his diet. We had been targeting this record for some time," said Sibi.



Power-packed: Sambo Lapung who emerged victorious in the men's 96kg category. V.V. KRISHNAN

Lapung achieved 148kg in snatch and 198kg in his final clean jerk attempt, 1kg more than Thakur's previous record

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Lovepreet Singh aggregated 338kg, way below his showing of 355kg in Birmingham, to ensure the 109kg gold before skipping his last two attempts.

The results: Men: 96kg: 1. Sambo Lapung snatch 148kg, clean and jerk 198kg (NR, old 197, Vikas Thakur, 2019), total 346kg; 2. Jagdish (SSCB) 176kg, 187kg, 331kg; 3. Parveen (Har) 141kg, 171kg, 312kg.
109kg: 1. Lovepreet Singh (SSCB) 158kg, 180kg, 338kg; 2. Vishal Solanki (Har) 147kg, 176kg, 323kg; 3. Naveen (Har) 145kg, 177kg, 322kg.
Women: 87kg: 1. Komal Wakale (Mah) 94kg, 116kg, 210kg; 2. B.N. Usha (Kar) 95kg, 114kg, 209kg, 3. T. Satya Jyothi (AP) 90kg, 111kg, 201kg.

INBRIEF

Bumrah out of T20 WC, confirms BCCI

India's chances at the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup suffered a body blow after the BCCI, on Monday, announced that Jasprit Bumrah would miss the tournament. The speedster was initially ruled out of the ongoing T20I series against South Africa because of a back injury from which he hasn't recovered sufficiently to board the plane to Australia. "The BCCI Medical team has ruled out Team India fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah from the ICC Men's T20 World Cup squad," a BCCI press release stated. "The decision was taken following a detailed assessment and in consultation with the specialists." Bumrah's replacement would be announced soon, the BCCI added.

Indian women enter World team TT pre-quarterfinals

The Indian women's team entered the knock-out stages (round-of-16) of the World team table tennis championships here on Monday, after defeating Egypt 3-1 in Group 5. With the victory, India finished second behind Germany in the Group. The India men's team edged out Kazakhstan 3-2 for its third straight win in Group 2. But it still has to defeat France on Tuesday to advance to the round-of-16.

The results:

Men: **Group 2**: India bt Kazakhstan 3-2 (G. Sathiyan bt Denis Zholudev 11-1, 11-9, 11-5; Harmeet Desai lost to Kirill Gerassimenko 6-11, 8-11, 9-11; Manav Thakkar bt Alan Kurmangaliyev 12-10, 11-1, 11-8; Sathiyan lost to Kirill 11-6, 5-11, 14-12, 9-11, 6-11; Harmeet bt Denis 12-10, 11-9, 11-6).

Women: **Group 5**: India bt Egypt 3-1 (Sreeja Akula bt Hana Goda 11-6, 11-4, 11-1; Manika Batra bt Dina Meshref 8-11, 11-6, 11–7, 2-11, 11-8; Diya Chitale lost to Yousra Helmy 11-5, 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 4-11; Sreeja bt Dina 11-8, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6).

India's batting jigsaw looks complete, but bowling evokes a sense of unease

Having sealed the series, today's third and final T20I will be the home team's last official attempt at tying loose ends up before the marquee ICC T20 World Cup which begins in Australia later this month; South Africa will be determined to sign off on a winning note

Learning curve: Arshdeep, who had a forgettable outing in the second T20I, will look to get his act together. K.R. DEEPAK

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

N. Sudarshan
INDORE

India may have already clinched the three-match T20I series against South Africa, but encounters in the lead up to a World Cup are about more than just results. They are iterative exercises towards yielding the ideal team combination.

Tuesday's third and final T20I at the Holkar Stadium here will be India's final such official attempt before the marquee ICC T20 World Cup begins in Australia later this month.

Of particular concern is the side's bowling, with Jasprit Bumrah now ruled out of the World Cup and the need to find his replacement of paramount importance.

High-scoring affair

In Guwahati, every bowler's figures, except Deepak Chahar's, went north. The match was admittedly a high-scoring affair (458 runs), with both sets of bowlers chasing leather for much of the hot and humid evening, but the think tank is sure to feel the unease.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, after starting with two wickets in his opening over, went on to concede 62 runs.

Worryingly, he bowled three no-balls, and got hit for 13 runs off the resultant free-hits, including two sixes.

While skipper Rohit Sharma would hope for better returns from Arshdeep, Mohammed Siraj, a potential candidate to replace Bumrah - along with Chahar - will do well with an outing.

Rahul unperturbed

Vice-captain K.L. Rahul, though, seemed unperturbed by the bowlers' travails.

"In this format, both batters and bowlers will have such [tough] days," he said. "It's high intensity and high risk. The conditions were tough and we have played a lot of cricket on the go. Certain times the bodies are tired. [But] yes, it [bowling] is something we have to get better at and that will never stop."

The batting, however, clicked perfectly. Rahul rediscovered his attacking mojo; Virat Kohli continued to present his rejuvenated self and Suryakumar Yadav enthralled yet again with his seemingly boundless energy and limitless stroke-making ability. Rahul and Kohli are set to be rested, but the jigsaw appears complete.

For South Africa, its top-order batting has to come good, lest the brilliant David Miller, who scored his second T20I century on Sunday, is left to do all of the heavy-lifting. For the second straight game, Tenda Bavuma and Rilee Rossouw were out for ducks.

Curious case

Bavuma's in particular is a curious case. While he leads his National T20 team, he went unsold in the inaugural SA20 auction recently. The inspirational captain will hope for a statement innings.

Quinton de Kock's half-century would have soothed a few nerves, for he had accumulated a paltry 68 runs from the previous eight innings.

South Africa's bowling was ordinary on Sunday, with the exception of Keshav Maharaj.

But the expectation is for the well-rounded attack to come good.

The squads (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Umesh Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Shahbaz Ahmed and Mohammed Siraj.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Rilee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi and Tristan Stubbs.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

Team Player bags feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer K. Satheesh's Team Player (Afroz Khan up) won the Hanamkonda Cup, the main event of Monday's (Oct. 3) races. The winner is owned by M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust.

Jockey P. Ajeeth Kumar rode three winners on the day.

1. LOYAL MANZAR PLATE (1,800m), rated up to 25 (Cat. III): **AMALFITANA** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Arrowtown (Santosh Raj) 2, Akash (Deepak Singh) 3 and New Hustle (B. Nikhil) 4. 3-1/2, 5-1/4 and 3-1/2. 1m 55. 55s. ₹35 (w), 12, 13 and 16 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 55, SHW: 16 and 22, FP: 116, Q: 51, Tanala: 474. Favourite: New Hustle.

Owners: Mr. Gaurav Sethi, Mr. Abhimanyu J. Thackersey & Mr. Berjis Minoo Desai. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

2. NIRMAL PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **JURAMENTO** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Wandring Warrior (B. Nikhil) 2, Unmatched (Srinath) 3 and Exponent (Surya Prakash) 4. 3/4, 3-1/2 and 2-1/4. 1m 27. 41s. ₹12 (w), 10, 21 and 18 (p). SHP: 57, THP: 38, SHW: 10 and 32, FP: 69, Q: 69, Tanala: 144. Favourite: Juramento.

Owners: Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Mr. M. Prashant Kumar, Mr. M. Pradeep Kumar, Mr. Syed Ainuddin Arif & Mr. Rafaat Hussain. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

3. NOBLE QUEST PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **N R I SECRET** (G. Naresh) 1, Wind Sprite (Akshay Kumar) 2, Avancia (Deepak Singh) 3 and Precious Gift (Santosh Raj) 4. 4-1/4, Hd and 2. 1m 7. 62s. ₹126 (w), 29, 16 and 10 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 58, SHW: 29 and 18, FP: 590, Q: 212, Tanala: 1,438. Favourite: Avancia.

Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

4. HANAMKONDA CUP (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **TEAM PLAYER** (Afroz Khan) 1, Pinatubo (D.S. Deora) 2, Queen Blossom (Md. Ismail) 3 and Explosive (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 2, Nose and 1/2. 1m 41. 31s. ₹109 (w), 25, 35 and 24 (p). SHP: 75, THP: 81, SHW: 27 and 60, FP: 1,567, Q: 695, Tanala: 12,696. Favourite: Miss Marvellous.

Owners: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

5. MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **STARWALT** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Salisbury (B.R. Kumar) 2, Angel Tesoro (Abhay Singh) 3 and Ok Boss (Santosh Raj) 4. 3-3/4, 2 and 1-1/2. 1m 27. 44s. ₹37 (w), 18, 32 and 30 (p). SHP: 87, THP: 130, SHW: 28 and 38, FP: 368, Q: 170, Tanala: 2,558. Favourite: Archangels.

Owners: Mr. C.S. Kaushik & Mrs. Lingala Aarti Reddy. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

6. BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **DYANOOSH** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Flamingo Fame (Neeraj) 2, Crimson Rose (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Malibu (Srinath) 4. 1, Shd and 4-1/2. 1m 14. 61s. ₹66 (w), 17, 19 and 12 (p). SHP: 42, THP: 57, SHW: 28 and 18, FP: 325, Q: 243, Tanala: 1,632. Favourite: Crimson Rose.

Owners: Mr. Sardar Jivtesh Singh, Mr. Md. Sultan & Mr. M. Praveen Kumar. Trainer: Mir Faiyaz Ali Khan.

7. NOBLE QUEST PLATE (DIV. II) (1,000m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **SOPRANOS** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Above The Law (Md. Ismail) 2, Life's Living (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Alina (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. Not run: Plethora and Toque Blanche. 1, 4 and 2-1/2. 1m 7. 30s. ₹32 (w), 13, 12 and 13 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 40, SHW: 16 and 16, FP: 70, Q: 42, Tanala: 214. Favourite: Sopranos.

Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

Jackpot: 70%: 1,08,884 (5 tkts.), 30%: 16,665 (14 tkts.).

Mini jackpot: (i) 8,196 (6 tkts.), (ii) 9,519 (12 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 2,028 (22 tkts.), (ii) 924 (77 tkts.).

LIVE TELECAST

On Tuesday:

Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Irani Trophy: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

India vs South Africa: 3rd T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Ten 1, 2, 3 & Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

On Wednesday:

National Games 2022: Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 a.m. onwards

Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1 p.m.

Australia vs West Indies: 1st T20I, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.40 p.m.

Champions League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m. & Sony Ten 1, 2, 3, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

SNAPSHOTS

Third straight National Games gold for Bhavani Devi

Tamil Nadu's C.A. Bhavani Devi bagged her third consecutive National Games gold medal in Gandhinagar recently defeating Jagmeet Kaur of Punjab 15-3 in the women's sabre final.

She had won it first in 2011 (Ranchi), 2015 (Kerala) and now in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Areeba wins Worlds silver in skeet

Areeba Khan shot the junior women's skeet silver in the shotgun World Championship here on Monday. The 20-year-old Areeba was pipped 30-29 by Sophie Herrmann of Britain for the gold.

Areeba had won the team gold in the Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru, last year, and had also won the bronze in the Junior World Cup in Suhl this year.

Muffaddal Zahra Deesawala was beaten to the bronze medal by Revveca-Maria Islai of Romania.

The Indian junior men had a tough time. Bhavtegh Singh Gill (109), Abhay Singh Sekhon (109) and Ritu Raj Bundela (108) placed 32nd, 33rd and 36th respectively.

The second medal, after the gold in men's trap team, helped Indian team reach third in the table behind Italy and Britain.

The results: **Skeet**: **Junior women**: 1. Sophie Herrmann (GBR) 30 (22) 112; 2. Areeba Khan 29 (19) 110; 3. Reveca-Maria Islai (Rou) 20 (19) 109; 4. Muffaddal Zahra Deesawala 12 (20) 108; 27. Parinaaz Dhaliwal 92.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Vishal at the helm for Vinoo Mankad Trophy

Vishal Onat will lead the Karnataka team in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy under-19 tournament, which will commence at Kolkata on October 7.

The squad:

Vishal Onat (Capt.), Rohan Yareshimi, B. Vijayaraj, Dhurv Prabhakar, Yashovardhan Parantap, Rajvir Wadhwa, Aashish Mahesh, Dheeraj Gowda, Mohsin Khan, Dhanush Gowda, Manvanth Kumar, S. Ishaan, M.B. Shivam, P. Raghuveer and Hardik Raj. **Coach:** K.B. Pawan.

Veda to lead Karnataka

Veda Krishnamurthy will lead Karnataka in the BCCI Senior women's T20 trophy, which commences at Surat on Oct. 11.

The squad:

Veda Krishnamurthy (Capt.), Rakshitha Krishnappa (Vice-capt.), Divya Gnanananda, Shubha Satheesh, Monica Patel, Pushpa Kiresur, Rameshwari Gayakwad, V. Chandu, Sahana Pawar, Shreyanka Patil, Chandasi Krishnamurthy, Aditi Rajesh, Sanjana Batni, B.R. Kavya and Nethravathi.

Coach: Lakshmi Hariharan.

Johnson to Kickstart's rescue

Johnson's injury-time goal helped Kickstart FC salvage a 1-1 draw against ASC & Centre in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Monday.

The results:

FC Agniputhra 4 (Gagandeep Singh 28, Uttam Rai 54, 64, 87) bt Bangalore Dream United 2 (Posang Dirjee Tamang 23, S. Sachidananda 89).

Bangalore Independents FC 2 (Mizamiri Abdulla 42, Raja Ganapathy 72) bt Roots FC 1 (Anirudh Mukunthan 10).

ASC & Center FC 1 (Wahanbam 40) drew with Kickstart FC 1 (Johnson 90+6).